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Power cut for thousands of families

Ten are killed as hurricanes sweep Britain

HURRICANE force winds raged across Britain on Christmas Eve and yesterday leaving five people dead, five drowned in the Irish Sea. thousands of people without power and scores of roads blocked by fallen trees and

As the emergency services battled to cope, a fresh wave of storms with winds gusting up 70 mph swept across London and much of southern England last night.

Rescuers sought in vain for a French trawler believed to have sunk 35 miles off the coast of West Wales.

For 70,000 homes there was no power on Christmas Day. Electricity companies drafted in an army of workers who struggled in continuing bad weather to restore power

Weathermen said the storms were the worst to hit the British Isles since December, 1993. The abnormally high winds had been building depressions for a week. Hurricane-force winds of Ill mph were registered at Aberdaron, on the Lleyn Peninsular, North Wales and 101 mph at the Valentia Observatory in County Kerry.

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The full force was unleashed on Northern Ireland, the North West and North Wales, where emergency services were inundated with 999 calls. The West Country, Lanca-shire, Cumbria, Yorkshire and the Midlands were also

Lancashire, especially Blackpool and Lytham St Anne's, Cheshire, North Wales, and Cumbria suffered most from the power failures. Winds of 90 mph toppled a section of Blackpool's north pier and about 100 yards of jetty was washed away. In the Midlands thousands were blacked out and helicopters were used to survey the damage. Extra staff were

brought from Scotland. In Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, 30 families were evacuated when a boiler house chimney which tilted ten degrees threatened to fall on their homes.

Five deaths were blamed

rectly on the weather. A 32-year-old woman, from Stoke-on-Trent, was killed in Bromborough, on the Wirral, when a tree crushed the car she was driving. And a woman driving a Nissan died and her passenger was in-

THE PATHS OF THE STORMS

IRISH SEA

CHRISTMAS EVE

another car in the Penny Lane area of Liverpool. In Caernafon a 25-year-old man was killed in a motorcyle crash.

Paul Griffiths, 26, from

A 19-year-old man, who died Ireland, was trapped under rubble when the wall of a disused dance hall was blown down. His brother escaped

Firemen and tree surgeons freed a couple from a car after an accident at Bexleyheath, in south-east London.

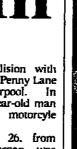
On the M53 an ambulance carrying a kidney to hospital for a transplant was involved in a 10-vehicle pile-up in which four people were hurt when a

missing French tralwer began on Christmas Eve after an emergency beacon was picked up from the 50-foot Brittanybased vessel, Toul an Trez, which had a crew of five. Swansea coastguards said the ship had been capsized by

Wreekage believed to be from the vessel was found near where the emergency beacon was found.

Five helicopters, two RAF Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft and British and French fishing vessels were engaged in the search yesterday afternoon. Two of the helicopters carried heat-seeking equip-

In Northern Ireland the gales swept in from the west Continued on page 3, col I



Bridgend, Glamorgan, was killed when he was blown into the paths of two oncoming

in Waterville, County Kerry, with only slight injuries.

On the Wirral Peninsula,

Merseyside, the local council declared an emergency after falling trees caused two serious accidents and closed a number of roads.

tree fell on to the carriageway.

Inspector Colin Davidson. of Merseyside Police, said the situation at the height of the gale was "like the wild west".

At sea the search for the huge waves created by 65mph



Prince Harry and Prince William were given presents by well-wishers after attending Christmas morning service on the Sandringham estate

Diana recalled in prayers and on TV

AND ALAN HAMILTON

PRINCE William and Prince Harry showed maturity beyond their years yesterday as they coped with their first Christmas since the death of their mother, Diana, Princess

of Wales. They smiled and chatted to elderly and disabled people in the crowds outside St Mary Magdalene church on the Sandringham estate after attending the traditional Christmas Day service with other members of the Royal Family.

Prince William, 15 and Prince Harry, 13, spent several minutes talking to some of the 2,000 people outside the church. The crowd was larger than usual but the atmosphere was more subdued and there were no shouts of "Happy

Christmas". The Queen Queen Eliza-beth the Queen Mother, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family listened as prayers were said for the Princess. Canon

Sandringham group of parishes, said: "We thank God for those whom we love but see no more, Diana Princess of Wales, and all loved ones who have departed this life." Later he mentioned "all those who are experiencing sadness this Christmas".

After the service the Queen joined the Queen Mother who was chatting with the crowd and picked up her mother's walking stick when she dropped it

In her Christmas broadcast. the highs and lows of joy and sadness were brought together by the Queen when she contrasted her sorrow at the death of Princess Diana with her pleasure at her own golden wedding celebrations.

In the ten-minute recorded address the Queen acknowledged the nation's grief at the death of her former daughterin-law, although she stopped short of delivering any person-

al tribute of her own. But the traditional gramme, made for the first flexible and documentary format than usual, included film of the Princess's funeral, and the mountains of floral tributes whose sheer size astonished the world. The Queen used the twin

themes of Westminster Abbey and the poet William Blake to interweave the pains and pleasures of another purbulent year for the monarchy. The Abbey, she said, had provided the setting for two events this year, "one of them almost unbearably sad and one, for Prince Philip and me, tremen-

dously happy". Joy and sadness were part of all our lives, the Queen said.

reaching for a volume of Blake to quote: "Joy and woe are woven fine, a clothing for the soul divine".

On the day before Diana's funeral in September, the Queen returned from Balmoral and went straight on tele-vision with a live tribute to the life and work of the Princess. a highly successful, if belated,

sideration was given to another live appearance yesterday, but it was decided that a recorded programme would be more suitable for distribution to other Commonwealth countries with widely differing

Speaking between film clips of herself, the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry inspecting the floral tributes to Diana at Buckingham and Kensington Palaces, the Queen said: "We all felt the shock and sorrow of Diana's death. Thousands upon thousands of you expressed your

wonderful flowers and messages left in tribute to her. That was a great comfort to all those close to her."

Duty to Diana done, the Queen moved swiftly to the rest of her royal year, dwelling at length on the golden wedding and reviewing her year's work and travel. She said she and Prince Philip had been delighted to visit Pakistan and India: there was no hint that the mission, through no fault her own, disintegrated into a diplomatic shambles.

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Kaunda arrested

Kenneth Kaunda, the 73-yearold former President of Zambia, was arrested at his home in Lusaka early yesterday and imprisoned under the country's state of emergency

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Britain to help bail out Korea

LAST NIGHTS

By Jason Nisse

BRITAIN is to contribute \$400 million (£240 million) to bail out South Korea, it was agreed on Christmas Eve in the face of the imminent collapse of the Asian economy. Gordon Brown, the Chan-

cellor, met with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to agree the funding, which is part of a \$10 billion "swift aid" package agreed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The aid follows a \$3 billion emergency loan by

the World Bank, on Tuesday. South Korea needed the money because Kim Dae-Jung, president-elect, said he feared the country would not be able to pay \$15 billion of debts due soon to Western commercial banks. In exchange Mr Kim agreed to fundamental reforms of the economy which will allow Western firms to compete on an equal footing.

America is the largest con-tributor, paying \$1.7 billion. Richard Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, said he was confident the move would stabilise the South Korean economy and that the money would be repaid.

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Blair supports minister over son in drugs case

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND RICHARD FORD

TONY BLAIR has thrown his full authority behind the senior Cabinet minister whose son was arrested by police over allegations of supplying

As the minister spent Christmas at home with his teenage son, Mr Blair's spokesman said: "Not for one second does the question of the Prime Minister having anything less than total confidence in the minister arise. The question of the minister resigning does not even arise."

The Prime Minister and his senior Cabinet colleague spoke by telephone on Monday — the day that the teenager made a statement to police. The minister accompanied his son, 17, to a police station after he was contacted by The Mirror with evidence that the teenager had allegedly been supplying drugs. A jour-nalist befriended the teenager and, the paper reported. bought cannabis from him.

the Director of Public Prosecutions, was told on Tuesday of the arrest and the papers are expected to be sent to the Crown Prosection Service early next month.

The Prime Minister's support for the minister, who

Dame Barbara Mills, QC.

cannot be named to protect the identity of his son, underlines Mr Blair's determination to draw a line under an episode which has gravely embarrassed the Government.

It has made the drive against juvenile crime a key plank of its law and order policy and it has maintained a hard line against drugs. The Crime and Disorder Bill, now going through Parliament, fol-lowed a White Paper entitled No More Excuses.

It contains a new drug treatment and testing order for offenders aged 16 and over and measures aimed at making parents more responsible for providing their children with proper care and control.

Despite the resolute response from Downing Street. the Prime Minister will face pressure to move the minister to another Cabinet post in his first ministerial reshuffle.

Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West and an advocate of the decriminalisation of cannabis for medicinal use, said: "If the boy gets away with it without a jail sentence it could be said that the fact that his father is a Government minister could have been a factor - even if it was not."

The allegations may also re-

national Development Secretary, infuriated the Labour leadership in 1995 when she said that legalisation could be examined as a way of tackling Next month the Home Office is to publish new research showing that as many as one in 20 people believes he or she

ignite the debate within the

Labour Party over the

drugs. Clare Short, the Inter-

has been the victim of drugrelated crime in the past two Mr Flynn said he hoped the episode would lead to a change in policy. This proves that drug-pushers are not the low-life the Government pretends they are. This boy was from a respectable middle-

class home. It is a hard lesson

for the Government to take." Conservatives made clear that for the moment they do not want to make political capital out of the minister's embarrassment. Sir Brian Mawhinney, the Shadow Home Secretary, said: "Using drugs is dangerous and the Government is finding out that this remains true whatev-

er the home background."

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£3 billion of bargains

RECORD takings in the shops on Christmas Eve point to another bonanza as sales get into full swing today, retail analysts believe.

Do-it-vourself centres, discount furniture stores and white goods suppliers will be open today with millions of pounds worth of unsold stock offered at reduced prices.

Analysts believe that retailers may have as much as E3 billion worth of stock to dispose of. The clothing sector has

been particularly hard hit by

claycard jumped by 7 per cent

in the last weekend before

Christmas

the unseasonal mildness. Big reductions are predicted. Barclays dismissed talk of a high street spending slump as it said spending on its BarNO HO HO?

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Queen speaks of sadness over the death of Princess

By Carol Midgley, media correspondent

THE Queen showed her determination to modernise and soften the Royal Family's image yesterday in a new-look Christmas broadcast.

The documentary-style programme, at 9 minutes 55 seconds the longest ever, was more relaxed than previous festive messages which have traditionally featured the Queen addressing the camera

in a formal manner. This year, highlights from the year were weaved into the package with a voice-over commentary from the Queen. who spoke of the "almost unbearable" sadness at the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. More time was devoted to the tragedy - 2 minutes 15 seconds - than any other subject and extensive footage of the funeral and of the floral tributes outside Kensington Palace was included in the

This year the programme was produced by ITN for the first time, thus ending the BBC's 64-year monopoly. It was broadcast in full to every Commonwealth country, also to its biggest potential audience as it made its debut live on the Internet.

The full text of the broadcast

"At the Christian heart of this United Kingdom stands Westminster Abbey, and it was right that it provided the setting for two events this year, one of them almost unbearably sad, and one, for Prince Philip and me, tremen-

all our lives. Indeed, the poet after that service, a chance to William Blake tells us that: Joy and woe are woven fine, A clothing for the soul divine, Under every grief and pine runs a joy with silken twine'. This interweaving of joy and woe has been very much brought home to me and my family during the last months. We all felt the shock and

sorrow of Diana's death. Thousands upon thousands of you expressed your grief most poignantly in the wonderful flowers and messages left in tribute to her. That was

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a great comfort to all those close to her. But Prince Philip and I also

knew the joy of our Golden Wedding. We were glad to be able to share this joy at Buckingham Palace with many others couples, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Then, on our anniversary

day, came a very different service at Westminster Abbey. this time 'the silken twine'. a service of thanksgiving for our meet and chat to so many

I will never forget that day, nor a day five years ago when Windsor Castle suffered a terrible fire. More than a hundred rooms were badly damaged. This is how St George's Hall looked then [pictures of wreckage]. And this is how it looks now wonderful! [pictures of the restoration]

So the disaster of 1992 actually brought opportunities for all sorts of people to display their range of crafts-manship and skills, their love of history, and their faith in the future. Last month the restoration of the castle was completed and everyone involved gathered together to

The castle is shortly to be open again for all to see, a mixture of the original with later additions and alterations, a vigorous blend of the old and the new.

And so it has been in the Commonwealth, Prince Philip and I were touched by the way the Canadian people welcomed us again to Canada. We were delighted to be invited to visit Pakistan and India on the 50th anniversary of their Independence, and to celebrate their achievements since 1947.

The Prince of Wales represented Britain when the people of Hong Kong marked their return to China in spectacular fashion [pictures of fireworks display Many of you might have felt



a twinge of sadness as we in Britain bade them farewell. The pictures speak for them-selves, but we should be proud of the success of our partnership in Hong Kong and in how peacefully the old Empire has been laid to rest. Out of the old Empire sprang the Com-monwealth family of nations that we know today, and that, too, has grown and changed. In October, 51 representa-

tives of Commonwealth governments met in Edinburgh. very much in the spirit of a family gathering. We all enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones, but there was also important business to be

a unity of purpose — is the glue that bonds together the members of a family, a coundone. Here, with the Prime Minister of Grenada, we are discussing the drugs problem [pictures of discussion].

The world saw that the Commonwealth can make a major contribution to international relations and prosperity. The meeting also showed that unity and diversity can go hand in hand.

Recent developments at home, which have allowed Scotland and Wales greater say in the way they are overned, should be seen in that light and as proof that the kingdom can still enjoy all the benefits of remaining united.

try, a commonwealth. Without it, the parts are only fragments of a whole, with it we can be much more than the sum of those fragments. For most of us this is a happy family day. But I am

well aware that there are many of you who are alone, or bereaved, or suffering. My heart goes out to you, and I pray that we, the more fortunate ones, can unite to lend a helping hand wherever it is needed, and not pass by on the other side'.

Saint Paul spoke of the first

Christmas as the kindness of God dawning upon the world. The world needs that kindness now more than ever - the kindness and consideration for others that disarms malice and which allows us to get on with one another with respect

and affection. Christmas reaffirms that God is with us today. But, as I have discovered afresh for myself this year, he is always present in the kindness shown by our neighbours and in the love of our friends and family. God bless you all and Happy Christmas."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman on neglect charge

A Doncaster woman has appeared in court accused of neglecting three children days after her 17-year-old son died of suspected malnutrition. The boy, who weighed four stone. was found in his bedroom earlier this month.

The emaciated teenager was taken to hospital by paramedics but died soon afterwards. Police later arrested a 44-yearold divorcee. She was questioned about the boy's death and charged with neglecting three other children.

The woman appeared in court in Doncaster on Wednesday and was remanded in custody until the new year. An inquest on the dead schoolboy, who had been studying for his A levels, was halted by the

76-year marriage

A couple who have been married for 76 years are claiming Britain's longest union. John and Madge Briers, of Darrington, West York-shire, both 95, married on Christmas Eve 1921. Mr Briers, a mining engineer, worked abroad for 32 years but they made frequent trips to see each other. Their daughter Betty. 75, lives with them.

Car girls named

Two 17-year-old girls who died when their car went out of control and collided with an oncoming vehicle were named as Helen Jordan, who was driving, and Kathryn Mock, both of Wickford, Essex. The accident happened on the Al30 near Rettendon on Tuesday night A middle-aged couple in the other car received minor injuries.

One-way ticket

Badgers were given a one-way trapdoor to leave a honey comb of sets, during repairs on a steam-train embankment which they had undermined at Havenstreet, Isle of Wight. The protected animals moved to a bank in a cutting further down the line. Experts from the Ministry of Agriculture served as advisers on the

Fowl good turn

Two policemen came to the rescue of two disabled people in Brentwood, Essex, who were unable to remove their cooked turkey from the oven helped to put it in. Sheila Kingston said: "We've had a sample now it's out of the oven and it seems the policemen came at just the right time -

Instead of Christmas, a two-minute call

By Stephen Farrell

TWO thousand miles from the Christmas dinner tables they expected to be gracing, the crew of HMS Invincible yesterday shrugged off their disap-pointment and celebrated somewhere off Cyprus.

The aircraft carrier was due home at Portsmouth for the holiday but was diverted from the West Indies to the eastern Mediterranean during the crisis over Iraq's ban on UN weapons inspectors.It will remain deployed until further notice.

aboard were given free two-minute calls home.Most will receive no presents as they were expecting to receive them in person. Among the disappointed relatives, Claire Clarke, 31, who is seven months pregnant, said

their father, a leading steward on board.Mrs Clarke, of Hilsea, Portsmouth, said: "We are so disappointed. We were really looking forward to being together. It really gets to you. You think: There goes the Navy again, disrupting our lives.' But no matter how much you dislike it, it's their job."

Invincible is providing cover for HMS Coventry, the Armilla Patrol vessel in the Gulf, whose sailors were among dozens of Service personnel around the world to receive calls from George Robertson, the Defence Secreperforming their duties. He contacted peacekeeping soldiers in Banja Luka, Bosnia. and RAF Tornado staff in Turkey and Saudi Arabia patrolling no-fly zones over Iraq.

remotest airbases, Goose Bay in northem Canada, received a Hercules transporter load of Christmas supplies from the supermarket chain Somerfield, flown in from RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire.

☐ British officials in Cyprus dismissed suggestions that Britain failed to intervene to secure the release of a Briton on a ship seized by its mainly Syrian crew. James Wilkinson was escorted off the 16,500-ton timber carrier Blue Breeze in high seas off Cyprus by police at midnight on Tuesday. Its crew sailed the Panamanishin to Latakia

Norma Reid, duty officer at the British High Commission in Nicosia. said:"Mr Wilkinson had acknowledged it was thanks to the action we took with the Panamanians that he

Cyprus merchant shipping depart-ment had said earlier that Britain did not intervene to get Mr Wilkinson off the ship earlier because it felt that it had no jurisdiction.

Mr Wilkinson, acting on behalf of a European bank that held the mortgage on the vessel, embarked on the Syrianowned ship at Lagos, Nigeria, with instructions to sail the ship to Gibraltar. The 23-member crew failed to heed his orders and switched course towards Latakia. Authorities were informed of the situation when Mr Wilkinson sent a coded message to his

Ms Reid said the Foreign Office contacted the Panamanian authorities and obtained permission that enabled the Cypriot authorities to get Mr

Young want peace, says Belfast pupil A BELFAST schoolgirl yes-

Plea over World Cup goal

terday expressed the hopes of Northern Ireland's young people for peace, in Channel 4's Alternative Christmas Message (Carol Midgley writes). In a five-minute broadcast featuring her own poetry, Margaret Gibney, who met the Prime Minister in the summer, told of how today's teenby past grievances and

Margaret, 13, who is from the Shankill area, had impressed Channel 4's Jackson, with her letterwriting campaign to 150 world leaders calling for an end to war. She had been invited to Downing Street by Tony Blair where she urged him not to abandon the search for a solution to the Province's problems.

Margaret commissioned her classmates to appear in ed recently. Earlier this week she appeared on television when the Duchess of Kent presented her with a Champion Children award.

Pride precedes MP's fall from favour with voters

By Polly Newton, political reporter

NEW Labour women MPs who accuse the Tories of sexism and rudeness can take comfort from a television documentary: things could have been worse. Campaign Confessions to

be shown this weekend reveals a degree of arrogance from one defeated Tory that makes many of his victorious colleagues look like models of humility. Tony Marlow, the Eurosceptic who lost Northampton

is one of ten election candidates who feature in the fly-onthe-wall documentary about the run-up to polling day. As he chases votes in the

North for the Tories on May I,

marginal seat. Mr Marlow is heard asking one elector "to from taking over". The man says he will not support the Tories. Mr Marlow tells aides: "He's an ugly-looking

sod, he's voting Labour." After a bruising encounter with a woman who argues eloquently against the Tories education policies, Mr Marlow berates his team: "You let me in for a school teacher. Don't you let me in for a school teacher again. They're half intelligent, that's the problem. People ought to be one thing or the other."

As polling day dawns, Mr Marlow — who describes Tony Blair as "that great grinning moron" - is asked whether he follows any rituals to bring him luck. "I might

help me stop the Europeans crucify the odd feminist or something," he says. Unlike Mr Marlow, who continues to insist that the opinion polls are wrong until

> over him is declared, other Tories are more canny. Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. who retained the seat of Wealden in Sussex, is aware that sleaze is hurting the Conservative campaign. "One would almost wish that there had been one great big scandal involving one person - the sort of thing we hear about in French politics — but here it's been a series of sexual

the 10,000 Labour majority

The programme also follows Kim Howells, now a Minister at the Department



Marlow: convinced the opinion polls were wrong

for Education and Employment, as he campaigns in the safe seat of Pontypridd. Dr Howells admits to doubts about the party's strategy of putting Tony Blair so firmly at heart of its campaign. But I always mistrust the big ideas and the bright young things that we employ to come up with them." □ Campaign Confessions,

4.25pm BBC2, Saturday and

Bid to stage tournament may rest on fans' record, reports Phil Webster THE Government will step up its efforts today to help England to win the battle to stage the 2006 World Cup, with a warning to football fans to stay away from the finals in France next summer unless they have tickets.

Ministers hope that England may be edging ahead of Germany as the leading European candidate for 2006, and Tony Blair has urged colleagues do all they can to assist the bid. The behaviour of England supporters next year could have a crucial bearing on the decision by the 24-man executive of Fifa, the

sport's governing body. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, said yesterday that if England supporters behaved well in France, it would do much to strengthen the bid:

They can play their part not just in helping England to do well in 1998, but in the campaign to bring the World Cup here eight years later."

Today the Home Office will back up the campaign by warning fans not lucky enough to get tickets in advance to forget any idea of travelling to France in the hope of securing them there. Most of the tickets will be sold beforehand, and ministers believe the prospect of supporters roaming around France in the hope of picking them up at on the black market would be a recipe for trouble. Although there will always be a minority of hardcore hooligans bent on

trouble - from other countries

just as much as from England

easier to deal with them if other true fans are not wandering around trying to find tickets for matches. Football Association offici-

als say that the high-level political backing for the bid is causing massive interest in other countries and is proving an important boost. Tony Banks, the Sports Minister. and Sir Bobby Chariton, a hero of England's 1966 winning team, recently returned from a visit to the United States, Trinidad and Costa Rica to see three of the executive members.

One of the bid organisers said: "There is a lot of interest around the world in the new Blair Government and people seem genuinely impressed that he has put his weight behind this bid. Another big

English football at present with so many foreign stars playing in the Premiership.

"Finally, the success we had in staging Euro '96, and the fact that we have so many fine stadiums, brought up to date after the implementation of the Taylor report on Hillsborough, are proving to be big pluses for us." South Africa may be England's main

rival from outside Europe.

Mr Banks said yesterday
that England was ready to stage another World Cup: "When the decision on 2006 is made, we want it to be on merit. We don't want people saying that we lost our chance because some of our supporters let us down in France. If there is serious trouble, it will jeopardise our chances.

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Hurricane sweeps across Britain

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Continued from page ! hitting Fermanagh first and moving across Tyrone, Armagh and Down. Scores of roads were blocked by fallen trees and in County Down parts of the coast road along Strangford Lough were flooded by high tides backed up by the wind.

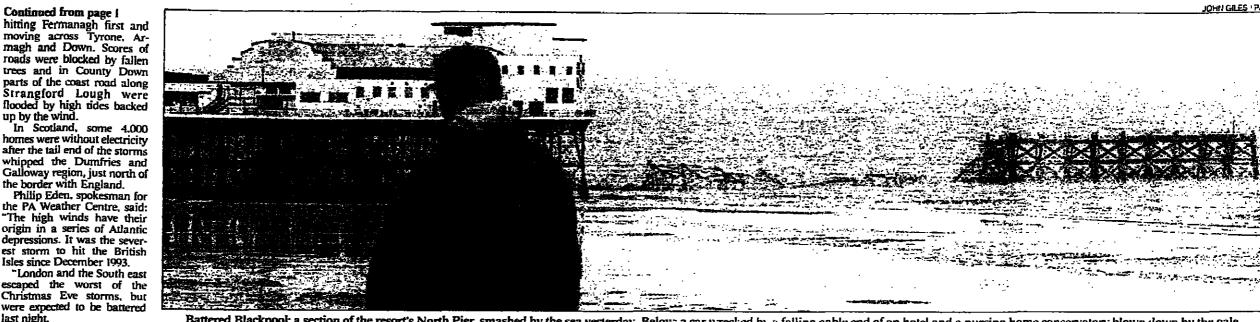
In Scotland, some 4,000 homes were without electricity after the tail end of the storms whipped the Dumfries and Galloway region, just north of the border with England. Philip Eden, spokesman for

the PA Weather Centre, said: "The high winds have their origin in a series of Atlantic depressions. It was the severest storm to hit the British Isles since December 1993. "London and the South east escaped the worst of the Christmas Eve storms, but

last night. "Peak winds were expected around 80 mph on exposed headlands and islands, perhaps approaching 70 mph in London through the evening. That is strong enough to do damage, knocking slates off. blowing dustbin lids about and toppling fences."

Elsewhere heavy rain today showers, particularly in the North and West, with winds steadying at around 30 to 50 mph in exposed areas.

The weathermen were congratulating themselves.It has taken a decade of weather bulletins to live down the fiasco of the great storm of October 15, 1987, when Michael Fish dismissed the ap proach of a hurricane.



Battered Blackpool: a section of the resort's North Pier, smashed by the sea yesterday. Below: a car wrecked by a falling gable end of an hotel and a nursing home conservatory blown down by the gale





Six rescued after ship safety drill goes wrong

SIX seamen were rescued from chill waters after a lifeboat fell overboard from a British liner during a safety drill at night in New York harbour. Two of the men from the Edinburgh Castle were trapped in air pockets for more than 20 minutes before

they were pulled to safety. making a rescue instead of a recovery," said Mike Rivadeneyra, a police diver. "The water was freezing cold."

The cruise ship was docked at Pier 88 on the Hudson River in Manhattan. The six men were inside a 45ft lifeboat when it became unhinged from its harness and plunged into the water. Four were quickly pulled to safety after crewmates threw lifelines. They were named as Benjamin Phillips, 22, Anton Darson, 53, Alex Burns, 47, and Peter Dunga, 40. The two others remained trapped undemeath the capsized boat.

The first emergency services rescuer on the scene, David Norman, a police diver, was lowered 50ft by rope ladder into the debris-filled river and swam underneath the boat. He said: "It was very difficult. visibility."

He found one sailor gasping for breath in a tiny air pocket under the hull. Mr Norman said: "He was kicking and flailing like anyone would be. Hypothermia was setting in. He held his breath and I pulled him down and swam him to the rope ladder by the ship." The man was not

identified. Four other divers, including two who jumped into the water from a hovering helicopter, found the second man,

identified as Arie Supit, 49. in another air pocket under the lifeboat, tangled in ropes and too frightened to swim to

Tom Bierne, another diver, said: "He was in a panic state. I told him to calm down and take three deep breaths. He said, 'No, I can't make it'." Mr from his oxygen tank into Mr Supit's mouth and coaxed him to try to reach safety, but the sailor hit the side of the boat. Divers cut a 2ft hole through the glass-fibre hull and pulled the sailor to safety.

The 1,000-berth ship, formerly the Eugenio Costa, was bought last June by Britishbased Lowline and takes holidaymakers to Bermuda and Canada. The company owner, David Grimes, said: "We are deeply grateful to the police rescue team."

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'Road rage' victim is critically ill

By Stephen Farrell

A WOMAN was critically ill in hospital with head injuries last night after a suspected "road rage" attack on Christmas Eve.

Joanne Davies, 20, underwent emergency surgery after being allegedly dragged from her vehicle and beaten around the head when the car driven by her boyfriend was in collision with another car in Pembroke, west Wales.

She was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries and later transferred to the specialist head injuries unit at Morriston Hospital, Swansea. where doctors described her condition as critical but stable. Dyfed-Powys police have appealed for witnesses to the

incident. A man has been

A bystander said that there was a minor collision between two cars and in the ensuing violence one woman was seriously hurt. Another woman and a number of men are also believed to have been

£15m footballer is accused of assault

By Robin Young

more has been charged with assault. The striker who was once the country's most expensive player was arrested in Cannock, Staffordshire, on Christmas Eve. He has been bailed to appear before local magistrates.

Collymore cost Liverpool

THE footballer Stan Colly-

£8.5 million when he joined them from Nottingham Forest in 1995. After his transfer, he



Collymore: arrested

ran into trouble for missing training sessions and was sold to Aston Villa for E7 million after two seasons.

He is to play in the Villa team against Tottenham Hotspur today. With half the season gone, he has scored only four goals, and has been the subject of renewed criti-

cism from fans.
Collymore, 26, who recently dated Ulrika Jonsson, the presenter of the television show Gladiators, has had complex personal relation-He has a 23-month-old son.

Thomas, by a former lover, Michelle Green, whom he dated regularly while living with his fiance, Lotta Farley. Ms Green took Collymore to court last year claiming that he was making inadequate payments for their son's maintenance. The £15,000-a-week player subsequently bought a house for her and Thomas, close to his own fivebedroomed detached home near Cannock.

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Second parent gives kidney

By PHILLIP DELVES BROUGHTON

MORE than two decades after Elaine Kear's mother donated a kidney to save her daughter's life, her father has given a kidney to save her again.

This Christmas Mrs Kear. 45, has been able to enjoy festive fare without the restrains imposed by her once

fragile constitution. In 1976, Mrs Kear received a kidney from her mother, Sheila Corry. She was 25 and had

been suffering from kidney trouble since the age of 17. The operation was a success until this year when problems recurred. It was the turn of her father, David Corry, 66, a former Royal Marine, who waved aside his daughter's concerns for his own health and offered one of his kidneys. Both operations took place

at the Wessex Regional Renal and Transplant Centre, in Portsmouth. Mr Corry decided to donate his kidney after visiting his where she lives with her husband, David, and daughter Lauren, 13. Since her latest transplant, Mrs Kear has been staying with her parents, in Gosport, Hampshire, and hopes to

return to the Middle East in

daughter in Abu Dhabi,

the new year. She said: "I keep saying thank you to my parents but it just sounds so insignificant when you consid-SCOOT er what they've done for me. The transplants have transformed my life."



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Anonymous tip-off sparked newspaper inquiry that ended with 17-year-old accused of selling cannabis

Minister's son 'spoke of pros and cons of drug'

HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN ANONYMOUS telephone call to the newsroom of The Mirror launched the inquiry that led to the teenage son of a senior Cabinet minister being arrested for allegedly supply-

ing cannabis. It was an investigation that involved reporters claiming they were trainee estate agents, conversations in a pub about raves, and rumours of cocaine-taking by celebrities. It ended with a senior member of Tony Blair's Government accompanying his son to a police station.

The rip-off was made in a telephone call to Dawn Alford, a reporter on The Mirror, shortly before Christmas. The caller made certain allegations about the minister's 17-yearold son. Miss Alford was told: "Watch this pub. not only will you be amazed at what he's doing but you will also be very surprised at who his parents

Miss Alford and a colleague went to the crowded London pub on a Saturday night and, according to The Mirror, five minutes after they arrived the minister's son, dressed in a sweat shirt, jeans and T-shirt, walked in. Within minutes, Miss Alford and her colleague were talking to him and four of his friends, who took it in turn to buy rounds of lager, about festivals and rock conTHE TRAP

certs. About 30 minutes later. the subject of drugs was said to have been raised as the Cabinet minister's son talked about raving, the legal drug poppers, and rumours of coaine-taking by celebrities.

According to The Mirror, the conversation later moved to cannabis as the youth talked about the pros and cons of hash (resin) or grass (leaves). Miss Alford said that the minister's son then offered to sell her cannabis in a resin form. He allegedly said a friend had cannabis to sell "at 10s" and went on to explain that the expression meant the batch cost £10 and was likely to be enough to make ten joints. He is alleged to have winked at her and added:

"Leave it to me. I'll see what I

can do.' Ten minutes later the youth allegedly tapped her on the shoulder and told her to accompany him outside the pub. There, opposite a magistrates' court, the teenager al-legedly handed over a small. clear plastic bag and said it was "good strong hash" before taking the ElO note. He alleg-edly gave Miss Alford his telephone number and they

arranged to meet again. On the next morning, the newspaper arranged for the drug to be sent to a laboratory in London, where it was received on December 15. The tests showed that the sample was cannabis resin weighing 1.92 grams. On December 17,

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CANNABIS is by far the most popular illegal drug in Britain and has been tried by a third of people aged 16 to 29. Users are from all social groups. A Home Office survey of 11.000 households found that 35 per cent of people aged 16-19 had used cannabis, 27 per cent in the past year and 16 per cent in the previous month. In the 20-24 age group, 42 per cent of men and women had used cannabis. 24 per cent in the past year and 16 per cent in the previous month. In the 25-29 group, the figures were 32 per cent, 15 per cent and 8 per cent. Cannabis comes in several forms: marijuana, comprising the heads of female plants, cannabis resin, a compressed brown or black powder that is heated or crumbled for use, and, more rarely, cannabis oil. All forms can be smoked, pure or mixed with tobacco, and eaten, usually in cakes. The drug gives a feeling of relaxed wellbeing lasting about two hours.

certificate of analysis.

The Mirror says it was later told that the minister's son planned to attend a party on Decmeber 20 at a flat in London where harder drugs were likely to be available. It was then that the paper decided to contact the minister to inform him of the alleged activities of his son. On the afternoon of December 20 Piers Morgan, the Editor, called the minister and out-lined the details of the

The minister promised to investigate the allegations himself. After talking to his son, he contacted Downing Street to inform the Prime Minister's office of the situation and, at 6pm on Monday, accompanied the youth to a police station in London.

They were taken into a small room where the teenager made a statement to police. The minister asked for no special privileges and in-sisted that the law should take its normal course.

Police cautioned the teenager and warned him that anything he said might be used in evidence. He was asked to sign the statement confirming it was an accurate account of what he had just told them. He was released on bail and told he would have to report back to the police



This cannabis smoking scene on American TV was condemned by drug officials.

MPs vulnerable

senior civil servant, were devastated in 1977 when their son. Piers, 20, was found dead in a London squat after a drinking

the 22-year-old daughter of Paul Channon, then Trade and Industry Secretary, died from a combination of heroin THE CHILDREN

and alcohol. In the 1980s, Mary Parkinson, the eldest daughter of Lord Parkinson, the Conservative Party chairman, nearly died of drug

Lord Steel of Aikwood, the former leader of the Liberal Democrats, was embarrassed in 1995 when his son, Graeme, was jailed for nine months for growing cannabis worth £30,000. Graeme advocates decriminalisation of cannabis, as do many Liberal Dem-

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, once described politics and family life as "potentially 1990, Mr Straw wrote in The bilitate and undermine family life . . . There is the simple fact of broken evenings and late nights. For male MPs with young families, it can be bad enough. For women MPs,

Why the teenager's identity is kept secret

is in C

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

STRICT laws bar the media from identifying under-18s in court proceedings. The restrictions include information such as a parent's exact position.

Only in exceptional circumstances can courts name juveniles, although Conservative and Labour Governments have moved to give greater discretion to judges and magistrates to identity youngsters as part of "naming and

The protective curbs were first introduced in the Children and Young Persons Act of

THE LAW

1933, which stated that "no newspaper report of any proceedings in a youth court shall reveal the name, address, or school or include any particu-lars calculated to lead to the identification of any child or young person concerned in

Even though the youth has yet to appear in court, the restrictions are in operation because he has been arrested. Under the 1981 Contempt of Court Act, the legal proceedings are "active".

Although Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, was told about the case on Tuesday, it is not thought that she will deal personally with the police file when it is passed to the CPS early next month. Officials in her department will decide whether the teenager should be charged, taking into account factors such as whether courts were likely to impose only a nominal fine, and whether the incident was an isolated event arising from a

misjudgment. Most 17 year olds caught with a small amount of cannabis receive only a police caution. Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "In London, virtually all persons found in possession of a small amount tioned. If the person was supplying small amounts, the most likely outcome of a court hearing would be a fine, a conditional discharge or possibly a small period of commun-

at an old people's home. could order reports on the youth, his family background and school record before deciding on what punishment to

to family scandal

BY NICHOLAS WATT

POLITICIANS of every hue, from Prime Ministers to backbenchers, have long been embarrassed by wayward children. The pressures of a political career make it difficult to exercise authority over their offspring.
Two of Winston Churchill's children suffered from alco-

hol abuse. In 1957, two years after her father had stood down as Prime Minister, Sarah Churchill was arrested in Los Angeles on a charge of drunkenness and fined \$50. Lord Shore of Stepney, the former Labour Cabinet minister, and his wife, Elizabeth, a

binge. He was awaiting sentence on a drugs charge. In 1986, Olivia Channon.

When going to police becomes only choice

IT IS every parent's night-mare: the discovery that de-spite all the guidance from government, school and home, their child has become

involved with drugs (Richard Ford writes). Few would go as far as the Cabinet minister and handed their child in to the police. But they do not face the extra pressures of being a public ligure. The minister had no option but to go to the police. To have done nothing would

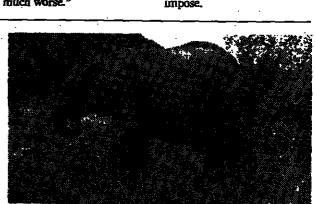
THE DILEMMA

have risked the media publishing the information so as to cause maximum embar-

asked about the issue last night said that they would not have handed their children over to the police if a small amount of cannabis was involved. One father said that first there would be an "almighty family row".

He would then talk to his child about what had been going on and contact the child's friends and their parents to raise the matter. He would probably go to the landlord of the public house where dealing was taking

The parent said: "I would then have a serious talk with the youngster, explaining the risks and warning him of the long-term consequences if the behaviour continued. I would warn him that any repetition would mean that I would have to go to the police and tell them what was going on. It would



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Baby Molly gives mother an unexpected Christmas gift

JULIE ANGLIN thought she was suffering from appendicitis after a day spent moving furniture. When the doctor arrived he told her: "We'd better get you into hospital. You're in labour and about to have a baby. Miss Anglin had not even realised she was pregnant, let alone that her baby had reached full term.

Yesterday, she and her partner, David Garratt, 43, from Southwell in Nottinghamshire, shared their first Christmas with six-day-old Molly, who arrived two hours after she was taken into hospital and weighed in at

"I had absolutely no idea I was even pregnant." Miss Anglin, 35, said. "When the doctor told me I just said, Oh my God, I don't believe it'. I have heard about these things happening but I never thought it could be true,

then it happened to me.

Molly is the best Christmas present anyone could have. She is an unbelievably quiet baby, and she obviously managed to keep the news

Miss Anglin maintains that there was no reason for her to suspect she was pregnant. She had put on a few pounds, but she put that down to extra eating, while her menstrual cycle had always been irregular. "Because I'd never been pregnant before I didn't really know what to look out for. Looking back I suppose there were

strange foods like liver, but that's me all over.

Surprise births are not uncommon, particularly among older women who imagine their childbearing days are behind them, women with irregular periods, and women who fail to sense, as some claim to be able to do, the exact moment of conception.

Miss Anglin has given up her part-time job to look after Molly and to catch up on baby business. Before the surprise birth, the couple had given no thought to nappies, nurseries or romper suits. They are now on a steep learning curve with the help of friends and family.

Mr Garratt, Miss Anglin's partner of the past three years and a driver for the local council, said: "We have got everything now but before the week-end we did not even have a pair of baby socks."

Molly's surprise entrance has also had helped Miss Anglin's family through a difficult period. She said: "It has been a traumatic time over the past few weeks as my grandfather died. The family were in grief but Molly has come as pleasant news for

Mr Garratt admits to a certain numbness when told of his imminent fatherhood. "I was in shock. We had never planned to have children but I am so proud. I'm the happiest man alive because I don't think I could have wished for a better present.



Julie Anglin with David Garrett and Molly, "the best Christmas present anyone could have

Season of cheer for twins with the gift of life

By Russell Jenkins

THE parents of Britain's only surviving set of Siaspecial Christmas. Their daughters have thrived since an operation last summer freed them to live healthy, independent lives. Aoife and Niamh Mc-Donnell were joined at the chest and abdomen and shared a liver, when they born on April 17 at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, They were separated in a six-hour operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children

It was an agonising decision to allow the surgeons, led by Professor Lewis Spitz. to go ahead with the separation. However, the sight of the two elfin-faced toddlers pushing babywalkers around the living room of their home in Longsight. Manchester, is proof, the parents say, that the decision was the right one.

Six months after the operation, the only signs of their extraordinary birth are scars on their stomachs. They are already fading. Their mother. Joan Varley, said: "They don't even need any drugs, and I really only take them back for checkups so everyone can see them again. They are spoiled rotten.

It has been an incredibly difficult, emotional time but looking at them now, hearing them chuckle. I know that I would, if I had to, go through it all again. They are just the best.

Although the girls are fast developing their own per-sonalities, they are rarely apart. They like to nuzzle each other and frequently stretch out to stroke the face of the other. Aoife is more demanding than her sister and is already trying to crawl. She is heavier, and has two teeth. Niamh, who is smaller, spent longer in

Miss Varley and her part-ner. Paul McDonnell, were anxious to shield the family from the glare of publicity at the time of the operation. Now they are happy to let the world know that the girls are well, although there is a problem. The mother said: I cannot go shopping in Stockport because I cannot go two yards without people stopping and saying how gor-geous they are, and the girls love the attention. People

have been very kind." The family was celebrating Christmas at home before a probable move to a bigger house in the new year. The long-term plan is to return to Ireland to be near Miss Varley's family of seven brothers and six

Yeast cells give clues to ageing in humans

SCIENTISTS in the US have discovered an ageing mecha-nism in yeast cells that may one day make it possible to slow the process of human

ageing.

They have found that the yeast cells become clogged with tiny coils of the genetic material DNA which break off from the chromosomes and proliferate until the cell hecomes overwhelmed and dies. "mortal coils" — to borrow from Shakespeare appear to be responsible for the process of cell death, at

least in this kind of cell. : "It is remarkable that this mechanism of ageing in yeast cells is so simple at the molecular level," Professor Leonard Guarante and Dr David Sinclair of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology write in the journal Cell. It is conceivable that inhibitors of this ageing process can be found and if so, such strategies might eventually prove useful in forestalling ageing in yeast and, perhaps, in higher organisms."

The search for the elixir of youth is a recurrent theme of fiction, from the story of Faust to Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Gray. The desire for immortality has led to countless theories of ageing. but until recently little was actually known about how deterioration in function is related to cellular and molecular changes. However, earlier Scientists are

beginning to understand how

cells die, reports Nigel Hawkes

this year the MIT team identified a gene in Werner's Syndrome, a rare disease, whose carriers have symptoms resembling a speeded-up ageing process. They also showed that modifying that gene in

yeast speeded ageing. From other yeast studies they found a series of genes that appear to determine lifespan, and found that the products of these genes moved into the nucleolus - a structure in the nucleus of the cell implying that perhaps the nucleolus was the "Achilles" heel" of cells as they get older.

They found that the nucleolus eventually breaks up, preventing yeast cells from continuing to divide. The latest work identifies what it is that causes the nucleolus to grow larger and ultimately to fragment. This, the scientists say, is the accumulation of the DNA rings, which they call "extrachromosomal ribosomal DNA circles", or ERCs. They are created from lengths of DNA pinched off from the

chromosomes as the cell divides. They have found that the older the cell, the more ERCs it contains. Ultimately, they become so plentiful that they gum up the normal processes of cell division, and

The ERCs act as a kind of clock, Professor Guarente suggests. "Once an ERC is formed or inherited, the period of time until a lethal number of ERCs has accumulated may be the clock that determines the

lifespan of the cell."

their lifespan.

ERCs can apparently form as a result of two processes. One is damage to DNA, which occurs all the time, and is usually efficiently repaired. The suggestion is that the ERCs are part of the repair process but, paradoxically, ultimately accumulate and cause cell death. But ERCs can also be inherited, suggesting that some cells are designed to have a built-in clock that limits

The implications of the research are that it may one day be possible to inhibit ageing in cells that are analogous to the yeast cells used in the experiments. In mammals, these are the so-called stem cells, found in organs such as the skin. kidney, liver and blood. The scientists say: "Next it will be important to determine whether ERCs or other circular DNAs accumulate in stem cells of ageing mice or humans."

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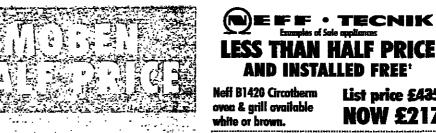
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miracle makes late arrival WHEN Richard Amner took his battered Morris Traveller to a workshop for restoration

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he was delighted when they told him he could collect it by Christmas. They were true to their word but failed to specify which Christmas. Yesterday Mr Amner, 48,

was able to drive his completed timber-framed Morris to visit relatives near his home in Rochford, Essex, almost five and a half years after work began. Mr Amner bought the car,

named Jessica after his daughter, for £450 and took it to the workshop owned by a friend at Hockley, Essex. Jessica was just a baby when it all started and now she is 6 and at school." he said. "I've never really pressurised my friend but I told him I wanted it for this Christmas. The work has cost £8,000 and I suppose my wife has been upset because I haven't lavished as much on her as a husband should."

But he admitted that there had been a series of problems. "The recession came along, there was a fire at the workshops and there were gaps in me giving the go-ahead for various jobs to be done."

Bishops condemn Boxing Day hunt meets

AS HUNT supporters gather for their biggest day of the year, an archbishop and six bishops have declared their support for a ban on the practice. In a letter to The Times, the Archbishop of and the leading Methodist Wales, the Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, and leading Lord Soper. Church of England figures welcome the publication of a Christian Socialist Movement

pamphlet against foxhunting. Three hundred packs of hounds are expected to be in action today. Hunt protesters will also be out demonstrating in favour of the Private Member's Bill by the Labour backbencher Michael Foster to abolish hunting with hounds.

The archbishop writes: "We hope and pray that time will be found for legislation to ensure that this will be the last Boxing Day when the savage and terrifying death of an animal is treated as a sport."

The letter says that the treatment of "the rest of Creation is every bit as much a question of morality as unemployment or homelessness". Signatories include the Bishop of Dover, the Right Rev Richard Llewellin; the Bishop of

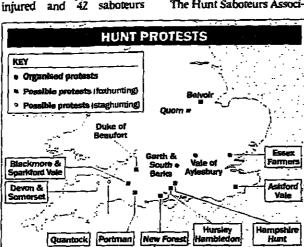
Scott: the Bishop of Reading. the Right Rev Dominic Walker; the Bishop of Rochester. the Right Rev Michael Nazir-Ali; John Austin Baker, the retired Bishop of Salisbury:

Police are preparing for confrontation between hunt followers and opponents. Fears of violence have grown after three supporters were

Hambledon hunt on December 13. Protesters wearing masks

and armed with staves, iron bars and baseball bats also smashed headlights and windscreens of cars at a meet near Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire. The same group is thought to have carried out a similar attack at a meet of the Portman in Dorset two

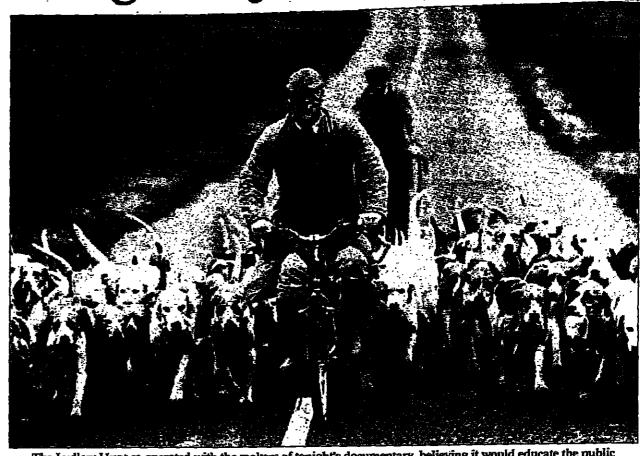
weeks earlier. The Hunt Saboteurs Associ-



Hulme, the Right Rev Colin arrested at the Hursley ation said the attack was the work of a group calling itself the Hunt Retribution Squad: "The tactics used were not something we would condone. We run around in fields blowing hunting horns and use voice calls to disrupt the

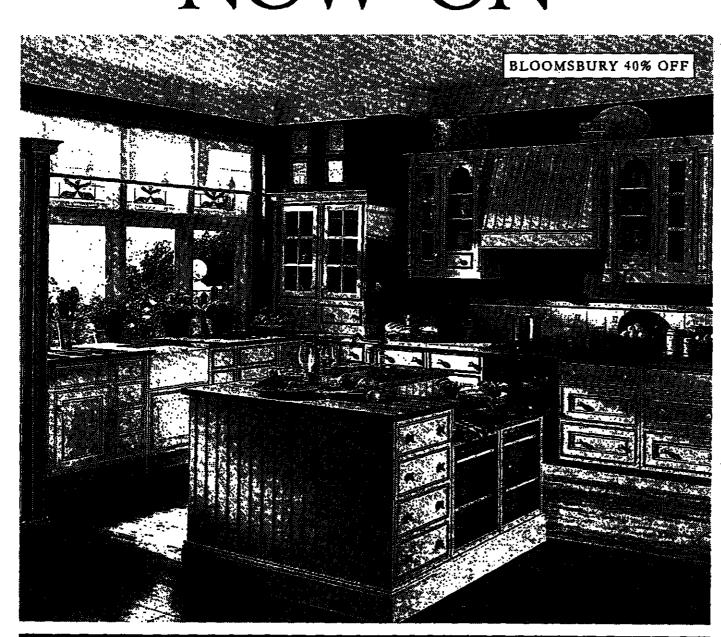
> The Duke of Beaufort's meet, with which the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles both ride, is expected to attract protests although the Prince will be at Sandringham. Hunting supporters are determined to use the day to highlight opposition to the Foster Bill. It is unlikely to become law in this parliamentary session because of lack of time, but government sources have hinted that it could be included in the Criminal Justice Bill next session.

Paul Latham, of the British Field Sports Society, said: "We will see many tens of thousands of people turning out to support the hunts. Most people will be there to see a traditional scene and support something relevant to the countryside."



The Ludlow Hunt co-operated with the makers of tonight's documentary, believing it would educate the public

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BBC shows film of fox * being dug out and shot

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BLOODY scenes of a pursued fox being dug out and shot will be screened on television tonight after a hunt invited a documentary crew to film

The hunt was unrepentant yesterday about its decision, declaring that it would help its cause. The programme, to be shown on BBC2, includes footage of an ageing hound being shot. Viewers will be warned that certain scenes might cause distress.

The Ludiow Hunt, based in Shropshire, co-operated fully in the making of the film and gave the camera crew access to their activities. Bill Andrews, former head of the hunt, said that members had realised that the public might react strongly to certain scenes but that they had wanted to show hunting life

as it was to dispel "myths". "It will be very difficult for a said. "But there is a gulf of people in the countryside who in, day out. I do think this

For the first time a docufollow the hunt throughout the 1996-97 season. Filming began before Labour was returned to power and Michael Foster, the newly elected MP for Worcester, introduced his Bill that would ban hunting

with hounds. During the Ludlow season, 63 foxes were killed, 18 of which were caught in the open with horse and hounds. The rest were

chased into their burrows. In the documentary, a fox is shown being dug out of its sanctuary by terrier-men who then shoot it through the head at the express wish of the farmer who owns the land. The fox's body is then torn apart by the hounds.

The hunt believes this will answer an urban misconception that foxes are thrown alive to the bounds. "That never happens," Mr Andrews said. The fox is killed quickly and cleanly. What we are seeing in those scenes is fox control. It is the farmer's payback for letting us go across his land."

A hound which, the documentary says, could no longer keep up with the pack, is seen

being taken into a yard and held while it is shot from behind. The keeper says: "You couldn't have them as pets: they would wreck your house. They give you nine years of pleasure. Of course it is very distressing when you have to put a hound down, but people will see this is a dog which is in its home environment being put down very quickly and without pain." Kevin Saunders, of the

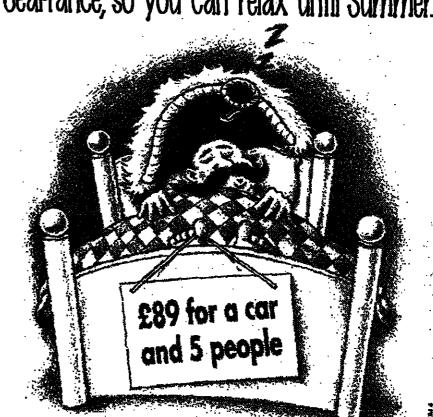
League Against Cruel Sports. said there was no need to kill hounds when they could no longer hunt. "If anybody needs persuading, this film will show how barbaric, callous and cold-blooded hunt-

ing really is."
The BBC said the film was "shocking and thought-pro-voking" at the time of a political battle on the subject. Under the Sun: The Hunt BBC2, 9pm



The film shows the hunt in the 1996-97 season

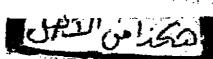
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A BOY aged 4 who stopped traffic when his mother collapsed in the road with an epileptic fit

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Anthony Severn stood with one hand up to stop cars and the other over his

His mother, Julie, 30, of

Sherwood, Nottingham, suffered the fit as she was taking Anthony and his two-year-old sister. Lind-

sey, to nursery school. Mrs

Severn said: "He was pet-

rified because he thought

we would both be run

over. Anthony is a real

hero because he put his

own neck on the line for

The new sound? It's just a blast from the past

By Victoria Fletcher

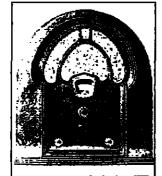
IT COULD be bad news for teenagers tinkering with their new Christmas sound systems. On the 50th anniversary of the invention of the transistor, which in turn created modern hi-fi, leading figures in a 1990s music craze say that antique valve amplifiers are better designed for playing their thumping music.

The music - known as drum n'bass - is said to be left flat by modern audio. Lemon D, a producer and disc jockey of drum n'bass, says: "The natural, warm sound valve amps give makes the beats sound alive, instead of being flat and digital."

Some older devotees of valve amplifiers still make the kind of suspicious remark about transistors that modern music fans have said with each change from vinyl and tape to compact and mini dises: that clever advertising made people make unnec purchases.

The invention of the transistor in New Jersey at Christmas 1947 was meant to signal the end for the fragile, glass vacuum tubes used to amplify sound since 1917. Transistors were smaller and cheaper to produce. The valve amp needed to heat up to work, and caused a small inaccuracy in how sound was reproduced.

Within nine years, the tran-sistor had revolutionised sound technology. By the 1960s, radios had become smaller and more affordable. The transistor's inventors, John Bardeen, Walter Brat-



1934, in Gothic design

tain and William Shockley, received the Nobel Prize for physics in 1956. Today's tiny transistors have been refined to produce an almost perfect amplification of the original

However, this perfect reproduction is precisely what some music producers reject. Lemon D, whose record label is called Valve, says: "They represent an era before digital technology came about. It's a unique sound."

The sound achieved through a valve is said to be fuller and smoother. It is this "fatter" noise which is the basis of drum n'bass music. However, fans of the valve amp are not necessarily fans of drum n bass.

Gerry Wells owns The Vin-ige Wireless Museum in South London. Aged 68, he also prefers the sound produced by the valve. "It's far superior," he says. "Transistors are clinically perfect. The valve isn't, but then again

neither are our ears, so the effect is much more pleasant for our hearing."
Mr Wells has worked with

valve amplifiers since he was and thinks the public was fooled by advertising into converting to transistors. He says that although valves are more expensive to make than the transistor, they last far longer. In his museum, he has one valve, still working on a daily basis, which was manufactured in 1929.

Mr Wells uses original valves to repair old wirelesses, many of which are owned by very young customers. "Young people who had never heard valve amp systems are now starting to listen to them — that's why I'm in business." he added.

He feels that much modern music sounds fantastic on valve hi-fi: "If you also use speakers over thirty years old, the sound is lovely. Old speakers have matured. Together with valve amps, they can make a very powerful amount of noise." Richard McMahon, a lec-

turer in electrical engineering at Cambridge University, has built a valve amplifier which creates a pure sound on a par with that of the transistor hi-fi. and admits that he owns a



Sound buy: listening to a five-valve Windsor radiogram, which cost 41 guineas in 1950, before the transistor took over

valve system. He thinks that many musicians prefer the more colourful sound created by valve amplification. He said: "Some amplifiers are seen as a musical instrument with character, far less clinical than the transistor. Personally, there's a bit of magic about

their engineering. They reflect a pioneering age of electronics, and create an interest just not associated with transistor equipment."

Although valve amplifiers are still installed in a few modern hi-fis made by small independent companies.

many people are buying older models instead. Sales of antique bakelite radios from the 1930s have also increased in recent years, and can fetch up to £2,500 each.

Gad Sassower, who runs an antique wireless shop in Is-lington, North London, said:

me. Luckily, the drivers managed to brake." She said that both Anthony and his sister were used to her condition. Mrs Severn has been epileptic since childhood and has serious fits about once a

"These radios were made to

last and they can produce a

massive amount of volume.

Unfortunately the antiques'

were built long before FM was

introduced, and can tune only

to medium and long wave,

where buyers are unlikely to

"He always tries to look after me but this was something different. He tells me it was nothing but he has told his grandma all about it," she said.

"When she picked him up from playschool later that day the first thing he did was ask if I was all right. We are very proud of him. He is a very brave little boy." (PA News)



Gad Sassower: "These radios were made to last"





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Carey urges society to rediscover its faith

THE Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, yesterday called for a more caring society, which he said should be achieved by a restoration of Christian values.

Dr Carey, preaching at Canterbury Cathedral, said that his ministry over the past year had taken him to places where there had been human grief and problems that seemed unsurpassable. But faith had supplied hope on such occasions, as in the case of the Ugandan bishop whose wife was killed when she stepped on a landmine, or the Aids victim in New York who faced

death with cheerfulness. Christmas "tells us there will only be peace on Earth and goodwill towards one another when we rightly bal-ance our demands for rights with the recognition of our responsibilities towards our

neighbour", he said. Referring to the plight of the homeless and single mothers, he said that the Church should remember its humble roots. God was "not absent from the poor, the broken-hearted, the refugee and the homeless, not Archbishop of Canterbury tells

how belief can help to deal with

problems, reports Ruth Gledhill

absent from the single mother, the person living on the breadline and the unemployed teenager, but with them as with all of us".

The story of how Jesus was born in a stable was proof that religion was not the preserve of the rich and powerful. "Here is God coming to us not with trumpets, not with the splendour of royal courts nor the trimmings of power, but in weakness — meekness and majesty, the majesty of weak-ness and the meekness of true

Referring to Beckett's Wait-ing for Godot, he said: "Has life got any point to it? Is everything so random, so pointless, so utterly amoral that when your time comes phut! That's it." But, he continued, "God is here already. In all the difficulties and joys of life. In the midst of the

devastation, horror and misery as well as of renewal, celebration and hope, we find

"And it is that belief which can provide the strongest foundation for a caring Church and a caring society." Cardinal Basil Hume, Arch-

respond to Him.

bishop of Westminster, ad-dressing Roman Catholics from around the world at a packed Westminster Cathedral at the main Christmas Day Mass, referred to evocative descriptions of the Incarnation and the Nativity in the

He said: "Look at the child lying there on the straw. Forget anything you have heard or read from people wanting to reduce Christmas to be no more than a myth. like a fairy tale, one to preserve because it is traditional

should take time to "kneel at the crib" and profess their faith in the "great truth that God became man and dwelt among us," he said.

"Kneel at the crib and look at that child lying on the straw in the manger and then those words, glory to God in the highest and peace to persons of goodwill, will begin to dawn on your mind, and you will this tiny child waiting for us to find yourself wanting to sing them. That is what matters."

The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, preaching at York Minster, recalled the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. "There was a quite spectacular and almost overwhelming sense of shock and grief," he said. There was also a recognition of the Princess's human frailty, coupled with large questions about the meaning and purpose of life.

"How can the Church re-spond?" he asked. "It will certainly not be by changed structures or improved management, important though these may be, but rather in the contemplation of the awesome mystery which is Christmas."



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, before yesterday's service

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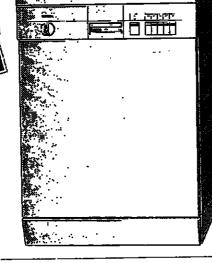
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Pope calls for well-off to aid 'new poor'

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

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THE Pope in his Christmas urbi et orbi (to the City and the World) message called yesterday for the well-off to help "the ever-growing multitude of the new poor", including the homeless and unemployed and young victims paedophilia and drugs.

He prefaced his greetings, delivered in 56 languages, by announcing that he will visit next week the victims of the earthquake in the central Ital-ian regions of Umbria and the

Speaking in a strong voice from the central loggia of St Peter's Basilica, the 77-yearold took up his by-now recur-

rent theme of the ills of unbridled capitalism. say tressing ... the tense silence of men and women without work and without shelter, infants and children infured

jobs causes and violated, adolescents enlisted distress 9 in the wars of adults and young victims of drugs deceptive or attracted by

The pontiff also decried the plight of refugees, "the sufferings of peoples fleeing to the mountains of their own land or seeking a safe haven on the coasts of neighbouring countries, in order to pursue the faint hope of a less precarious and more secure

He praised "those who give generously to breaking down barriers of fear and aggression, promoting understanding between peoples different origins, colour and

The pontiff said he hoped his greeting would reach with lations of Umbria and the

Marche, stricken recently by the earthquake and still now in situations of suffering and discomfort".

"I am near to you in a special way in these days. thinking how the Son of God. when He was born at Bethlehem, did not find a place in a house, but in a stable and was nlaced in a manger.

The Pope said he would visit the stricken areas on January 3. The Vatican spokesman said John Paul II would stop at the village of Annifo in the Apennines, at the epicentre of the October quake, where only seven houses remain habitable. The

village is in the worst hit diocese Foligno. At Assisi the Pope will of St Francis. In spite of such direcalled that "all are called to

share in the joy of Christmas ... a day of extraordinary gladness". He noted that "this straying hu-

manity of ours" is "journeying towards the third millennium. The Pope considers that ushering in the third Christian millennium is now the main objective of his pontificate, to marked by the special jubilee he has called in Rome. In his Christmas Eve homily, John Paul said his Christmas wish was for peace for humanity.

Some Vatican watchers saw part of his homily as an olive branch for the Jews and Israel, which the Pope hopes will allow him to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2000. The Pontiff referred to the Jews as "the chosen people" selected "to bring to the world the Messiah, the Saviour and

Redeemer of all humanity".

School assembly under threat

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE traditional school assembly is in danger as pressure grows to end the legal requirement for daily worship for pupils.

The Government will face renewed pressure in the spring to end present rulings after a survey disclosed strong support from teachers.

Although churches and non-Christian groups are divided on the issue, the consultation showed strong backing for change among professional staff.

According to the Church Times, the Government has pledged to consider the recommendations of the consultation, which was sponsored by bodies induding the religious education council and the interfaith network.

Any change is likely to be strongly opposed by the churches, although the Methodists supported

change, and the federal council of the Free Church also offered

support". The Roman Catholic Church and a majority of the Evangelical Alliance are strongly in favour of collective worship. The Church of England declined to support or oppose

Jewish people and Muslims indicated that they wanted a change in the rules to allow other faith groups to hold their own acts of worship as well.

A seminar on the issue will be held in London next February, organised by Liz Paver, president of the National Association of Head Teachers, who is a member of the board of education. She believes that the requirement to hold daily worship is putting an unreasonable burden on head teachers.

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Sales: where they are on, and what is coming off

Lisa Grainger provides counter-intelligence for shoppers who want to spy out the best bargains

ON TODAY

100 Regent Street, W1 (0800) 282922). Until Jan 31. Up to 50 per cent off selected lines. omenswear: silk blouses were £175, now £95; castumere coats from £1,295 to £795; wool lackets were £350, sale £175; short raincoats were £350, now £175; quilted silk jackets from E225 to E125; ar: corduroy trousers were £125, now £85; cotton business shirts were £59, sale £39; shmere knitwear was E225, sale £155; leisure shirts from £79 to £55;

☐ Armando Pollini 35 Brook Street, W1 (0171-629) 7606). Until end Jan. From 30 to 40 per cent reductions; leather knee-length boots from E188 to £90.

☐ Bertie 36 South Molton Street, WI (0171-493 5033) and branches: inquiries (0171-380 3800). Many items at half price; old stock items from £10 to £20.

1-5 Poland Street, WI (0171-287 5181) and branches (0121-212 Up to 50 per cent reduction on casual wear, chunky knitwear and

55 Argvie Street, WCI (0171-833 2255). Up to 5 per cent reduction on

most accessories.

172 Regent Street, W1 (0171-439 3561) and branches (0171-589

Black velvet trouser suit, jacket was £219, now £153; trousers were £129, sale £90.

261-271 Regent Street, WI (0171-495 4003) and branches inquiries 0171-255 2031. Fifty per cent reduction on all sale stock. Black lace cardigan from £29.99 to £(4,99; black velvet shirt from £19.99 to £9.99.

200-206 Regent Street, WI (D171-200 4000); 100 stores nationwide, general inquiries (0171-200-t2Ĭ1).

Discounts 20-50 per cent, eg. 52 per cent off black beaded evening dress, 53 per cent off Cashmere sleeveless pullover.

☐ Kingshill Mail Order For Kingshill British Designer Collections catalogue and Diffusion catalogue, call 01494 890555. 25 per cent off all designer styles.

☐ Miss Selfridge All branches 0181-910 1359 or 01714384182. Short-sleeved dresses were £25. now EIO; long coats with fur collar were EI2S, sale E65; chenille V-

necks were £20, now £10. □ Nicole Farhi 158 New Bond Street, WI (0171-PP 8368): 193 Sloane Street, SW1 (0171-235 0877): 12 Floral Street, WC2 (0171-497 8713): 25-26 St Christopher's Place. W! (0171-486.3416); 27 Hampstead High Street, NW3 (0171-435 0856). Until mid-Jan.

> Osh Kosh B'Gosh 17 King's Road, SW3 (0171-730 Up to 50 per cent off selected

> Up to 30 per cent reductions on

184-188 Oxford Street, WI (0171-436 3126) and branches 0171-631 0224).

☐ River Island Branches nationwide (0181-995 8822).

Black bootleg trousers were £24,99, now £12,99; chocolate pinstripe jacket was £49.99, sale £29.99.

Russell & Bromley 2425 New Bond Street. London WI: 41 branches (0171-629 Discounts 30-50 per cent

□ Valentino 174 Sloane Street, SWI (0171-235 5855): Miss Valentino, 160 New Bond Street, WI (0171-193 2698). Un<u>til</u> mid-Jan. Up to 60 per cent off selected items.

☐ Whistles 12-14 St Christopher's Place. ■ W1, and branches nationwide 20-50 per cent off selected items.

☐ Jane Churchill
151 Sloane Street, SWI (0171-730 98-17) until San 15: Liberty. Regent Street, W1 (0171-734 1234): 13 Fitzroy Street. Cambridge (01223 323211): check branches for dates. Up to 30 per cent reduction on

STARTING TOMORROW 🛘 Austin Reed Branches nationwide (0800) 585479).

suit was £279, now £199. Women's wear: co-ordinating trousers were £89.50, sale £44.75; tan/stone/navy mock chamois shirts were £99, now £49.50; navy double-breasted jacket was £259, sale price £129.50.

☐ Benettor Regent Street megastore sale. For branches' dates, 0171-647 Up to 50 per cent reductions.

☐ Betty Jackson
311 Brompton Road, SW3 All reductions 30 per cent: eg. sheenskin coat was £780, now £546; marino sweaters were £143, sale E100: suede trousers £429, now £300.

☐ Blus 252-258 Oxford Street, WI (0171-262 3288); 139 branches Up to 30 per cent off selected items across all departments.

□ Burberry 18-22 Havmarket, SW1: 165 Regent Street, WI (0171-734 4060). Selected items up to 50 per cent off, women's trenchcoats were eg, womens using the E575, sale E375; cashmere coats £895, now £595; men's checked shirts £85, now £45; blazers were £325, sale £195.

☐ Burton Branches nationwide (0171-291-2511). Many lines up to a third off.

Branches nationwide (0171-629 1244). Up to 50 per cent off clothes for all the family.

334-348 Oxford Street, WI, and branches (0171-580 3000). Up to 50 per cent off items throughout the store.

☐ Denners High Street: Yeavil, Somerset (01935 444114). Until Jan 24. Up to 50 per cent off men's and women's fashions and household

□ Donna Karan 19 New Bond Street. W1 (0171-495 3100). Discounts off selected items.

□ DKNY 27 Old Bond Street, WI (0171-499 8089). 20-70 per cent off autumn/winter

☐ Emporio Armani
191 Brompton Road, SW3 (0171-823 8818); 57-59 Long Acre, WC2 (0171-917 6882): 112a New Bond Street, W1 (0171-491 8080); Manchester (0161-839 8789); Glasgow (0141-552 2277). Reductions of 30 and 50 per cent.

New Bond Street, WI 10171-629 9161) and branches. Up to 50 per cent off items throughout the store and extra 10 per cent off sale prices 9.30am-lpm today. Women's wear: Nicole Farhi swing coats with fake fur collar in wool/cashmere reduced from £429 to £299; Christian Lacroix plain or print jeans from

☐ French Connection 24) Regent Street, WI, and branches (0171-580 2507). Up to 30 per cent off selected items.

🔲 Giorgio Armani 37 Sloane Street, SW1 (0171-235 6232). Reductions of 30 and 50 per cent.

☐ Harvey Nichols 109-125 Knightsbridge, SWI 10171-235 5000). Until Jan 11. Up to 50 per cent off many items. During first four days additional 10 per cent discount for Harvey Nichols account holders. Tooca embroidered dress was £295, sale price E177; Donna Karan Sig-nature charcoal stripe suit from £1,040 to £520; Galliano ruffle dress with rose was EL,025, now E512.50; CK cashmere coat was £2,340, sale £1,170. Menswear: selected Kenzo shirts were E70, sale £38; CK leather jacket from £590 to £354; Giorgio Armani wool suit was £615, now £399; Dolce & Gabbana leather bag from £435 to £217.50; Mulberry wallpaper was £27.50 per roll, sale £7; Designers'

☐ **Hoopers**Cheltenham (01242 527505): Chichester (0)243 533103): Torquay (01803 212754): Tunbridge Wells (01892 530222): Hoopers for Men. Tunbridge Wells (01892 529223) and Wilmslow (01625 525381): Bradford (012/4491311): Harrogate (01423 504091). For details, call free 0800 318216. Up to 50 per cent off co-ordinated separates, including Moschino, Mulberry, Olsen, Gerry Weber: contemporary fashions eg. Marella, Fink, Jean-Paul; and a selection of evening wear.

Guild duvet set was £65, now £45.

☐ House of Fraser Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SWI (0171-834 1234); Barkers, Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-937 5432); Dickins & Jones. 7070); D.H. Evans, Oxford Street. W1 (0171-629 8800) and stores nationwide (0171-963 2236). Menswear: up to 30 per cent off selected sportswear and 20 per Christian Dior dress shirts, Wornen's wear: up to 50 per cent off selected items. Homewear: 20-50 per cent off selected hed linen and goosedown & feather pillows; 50 per cent off selected towels; up to 50

per cent off selected cookware

items. Electrical: Toshiba 21in

£379.99. sale £399.99: Hoover

Allio autowasher was £399.99. now £329.99; Kenwood mini hi-fi was £329.99, sale price £229.99. 26 Sloane Street, SW1 (017)-235 5470); 23 Old Bond Street, WI (0171-629 3713); 28 Brook Street, W1 (0171-629 6077); 124 Drawcott Avenue, SW3 (0171-225 0364): 77 Fulham Road, SW3.

and general inquiries 0171-823 Reductions starting at 30 per cent on selected items, including coats, trousers and leatherwear.

🗆 Koh Samui 65 Monmouth Street. WC2. (0171-240 4280). Up to 60 per cent off designer

□ Kookai 123 Kensington High Street, W8: 25 branches nationwide, inquiries 0171-937 4411.

No further details available 214-220 Regent Street, WI,

and branches (0171-734 1234). Until Jan 4. Up to 50 per cent off items throughout the store. Gilt-framed wall mirrors were £399, now £199; Jacquard cotton double bedspreads were £110, sale £55; white goosedown single duvet was £230, now E115; satin stripe bedlinen for double bed was £110, now £55; Shakespeare sofa in brick and black chanille was £3,195, now £1,595; Royal Worcester bone china Garrick seconds (eg. dinner plate was £12.95, now £6.45). Five-piece get of Bonanza saucenans were £170, sale price £99; Iranian no carpet was ellow, n £750. Women's wear: 50 per cent off Nicole Farhi, Ralph Lauren. John Galliano: Martin Kidman velvet jeans were £85, sale £42.50; Liberty long velvet devoré scarves were £145, now £72.50; 50 per cent off Italian leather handbags (eg. black shoulder bag was £110, now £55). Menswear: Ralph Lauren polo shirts were £60, now £35: casual shirts were £90, sale £49; Alan Paine cashmere crew neck was £215, now £129; Liberty foulard ties were £35, sale £17.50; Madder silk ties were £39.50, now

£19.50. ☐ Lillywhites 24-36 Regent Street, SWI (0171-915 4000). Eight branches Discounts on many lines at 25-50

☐ Marks & Spencer Marble Arch, Oxford Street, W1 (0171-935 795-Q; 286 branches. inquiries 0171-935 4422. End-of-season clearance.

per cent off.

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Three hundred branches. Inquiries 0116-284 9424. Up to 50 per cent off most items. Women's wear: Camel singlebreasted stretch jacket was £99. now E44.99; strench boodleg trousers were £44.99, sale £19.99. Menswear: navy wool pinstript jacket was £105, now £49.99. Reductions on children's wear and

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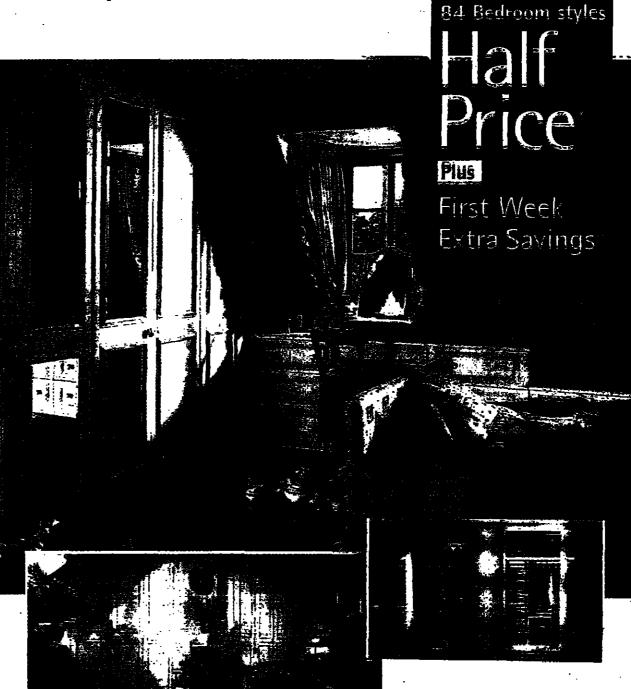
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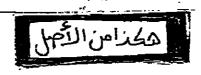
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Woody and Soon-Yi honeymoon in Paris

THE film director Woody Allen, whose on-screen neuroses are mirrored often in his overwrought personal life, has married Soon-Yi Previn, the adopted daughter of his former lover, the actress Mia Farrow

Ms Farrow, who has described the couple's relationship as sick and perverted. is unlikely to be amused by a turn of events that casts her in the awkward role of Mr Allen's mother-in-law.

Mr Allen, 62, married Ms Previn. 27, at a private ceremony in Venice, a city he loves as much as his native New York. The ceremony was conducted by Massimo Cacciari, the city's extrovert Mayor, at the Palazzo Cavalli, near the Rialto bridge on Venice's Grand Canal. He gave them a glass vase as a wedding gift — made specially in nearby Burano and depicting the city's La Fenice opera house, for whose restoration Mr Allen has been

raising funds. Beaming from ear to ear. Signor Cacciari said: "The wedding had been planned a while ago, and although we Italians are not good at keep-ing secrets, we were able to A secret Venice wedding - latest twist to a saga aired in a US courtroom - leaves Mia Farrow as mother-in-law to her former lover, writes Tunku Varadarajan

keep this one secret till the

Neither Mr Allen nor Ms Previn would speak to the press, although Leslee Dart, the former's spokeswoman. did release a statement in which she said: "Six years ago, Woody and Soon-Yi decided that one day they would come back to Venice and get married. That city is very mean-ingful to them. Over the past years, they have weathered a lot together, and have always been very much in love."

Mr Allen's spokeswoman also said that he did not ask Ms Previn to sign a prenuptial agreement - prompting New York's famed divorce lawyer, Raoul Felder, to say: "Woody needs a psychiatrist more than an attorney."

The couple are reported to have arrived in Venice on Monday, where they stayed at the elegant Hotel Gritti. Staff there disclose that they took the hotel's best suite, a firstfloor spread with a sumptuous view of the Grand Canal. Fittingly, the rooms had been featured by Mr Allen in his film Everyone Says I Love You.

made last year.

The wedding took place on Tuesday evening, and was attended by Lettie Aronson. Mr Allen's sister, and a handful of very close friends. After exchanging their vows in Italian, the couple resorted to the oldest trick in the Venetian book - the gondola.

While the Mayor's men ensured that the paparazzi were kept at bay, they spent an hour on the water, Onlookers say that the two were very tactile, and that the gondolier serenaded them with a series of mellifluous arias.

They left for Paris the next day, where they are staying at

New York in the new year. Mr Allen is booked to play the saxophone at the city's Cafe Carlyle on January 5. They will continue to live in their Fifth Avenue penthouse, the home which they have shared for two years.

The relationship between Mr Allen and Ms Previn is at least six years old. When news of the liaison broke, a considerable furore erupted. Ms Previn, born in South Korea. was adopted by Ms Farrow and Andre Previn, the conductor and pianist, when eight years old, and Mr Alien had acted as a surrogate father to her during his relationship with Ms Farrow.

In 1992, however, Ms Farrow discovered that the two were romantically involved, finding a portfolio of nude photographs of Ms Previn at Mr Allen's Manhattan apartment.

The aftermath is best described as messy. Ms Farrow is reported to have broken a chair over her daughter's head and locked her in a closet. Mr Allen lost rights to his two children. Satchel and Dylan. both of whom live with Ms



Woody Allen and his bride in Paris, where they are staying until the new year

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Hair pill heads for sale in **Britain**

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

MAKERS of the new prescription pill approved to fight male baldness in America are hoping to make it available soon in Britain.

The British subsidiary of Merck and Co of Pennsylvania has applied for a licence to the Medical Control Agency in London. A total of 14 men in Leeds, Bradford and Sheffield took part in testing alone with nearly 2,000 in America that led to approval of the pill by the US Food and Drug Administration.

The drug, Propecia, has to be taken daily. In the tests, it increased hair growth in 48 per cent of balding men after one year, with 18 per cent enjoying a moderate or even dense growth, according to an independent panel of dermatologists. The pills will cost up to \$50 (£30) a month.

The drug is not recommended for women because it causes birth defects. In 2 per cent of men it can cause loss of sex drive and impotence, effects that disappear if they stop taking the drug.

VIDEOS

Clinton wipes slate clean for butter thief

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IT WAS only a stroke of the pen for President Clinton, but for Ray Weaver, 74, it removed the stain of the "biggest failure

Fifty years ago, Mr Weaver pleaded guilty at his US Navy court martial to stealing 4lb of butter. He was reduced one level in rank from chief radioman to radioman first class.

This year, Mr Clinton signed an executive grant of clemency, a pardon that erased the only blemish Mr Weaver ever incurred.

Yesterday, as his 11 grandunwrapped their gifts, Mr Weaver was ecstatic: It's a marvellous feeling after the 50 years I've kept this bottled up. The pardon is the biggest thing in my life." Now retired and living in St

Petersburg, Florida, Mr Weaver applied for the pardon more than a year ago. Since then, he said, he had worried that Mr Clinton would be too busy with his trip to Bosnia to grant a pardon.

Mr Weaver admitted that the chief cook at his base twice gave him 2b of butter from supplies that he took home to his wife.

He served another 16 years in the Navy, but the number of chief radiomen was reduced and he never recovered his former rank. Mr Weaver was one of 21

Americans to receive Christmas pardons for long-ago federal offences ranging from bank robbery to fraud and operating a bootleg still. All now lead lives beyond reproach but felt the need to seek presidential redemption.

Limbaugh, 66, who, with a conviction for stealing a case of sparking plugs on his record, has been unable to own a gun for more than 20 years. A life member of the National Rifle Association, he can now take up hunting

In New York, Republican Governor George Pataki commuted long terms for three first-time offenders, all model prisoners, who had fallen victim to the state's drugsentencing codes. They had received mandatory terms of 15 years to life for low-level

Such unbending laws are part of an increasing national problem that has clogged America's jails with non-vio-lent drug offenders who would be better off receiving treatment for addiction or performing community work.

The best-known beneficiary yesterday was Angela Thompson, who was sentenced in 1989 at the age of 17 for trying to sell 20z of cocaine to an undercover police officer at the direction of her uncle, a Harlem drug dealer who was also

her legal guardian.
The trial judge had tried to pass a lesser sentence but was overruled by the state appeal court. "This case is bringing me to tears," the judge wrote in protest.

Miss Thompson, who has served eight years and three months, passed high school and college courses in prison and has been supervising a centre where children visit their imprisoned mothers. She was not eligible for parole Among them was Ralph until September 2004.

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Food flights save **Afghan victims**

By Christopher Thomas south asia correspondent

TENS of thousands of Shia Muslims surrounded by Sunni forces in central Afghanistan are being saved from starvation by emergency food deliveries from World Food Programme aircraft.

Up to 2500 tonnes of food are being delivered so the Shias can survive the winter. They are blockaded by Taleban militiamen who have stopped food lorries getting into the Barnian region - one of the few they have failed to capture. The first relief aircraft, flying out of the Pakistani border city of Peshawar, carried a storage shelter and equipment for handling food.

The World Food Programme announced: "The Taleban blockade on the south and civil strile in the north have meant that very little food has been able to enter or leave the area.

With shortages so acute. wheat prices are beyond the pockets of all but a few, Trading across the region's borders has halted, driving people deeper into poverty. Taleban has been refusing to let food be delivered on the ground that it would fall into

the hands of opposition troops. The prospect of mass civilian starvation finally persuaded them to relent.

The World Food Programme has been trying to get food in since May, but with the collapse of security all stocks were looted on the road. Bamian province, controlled by the Hezb-i-Wahadat faction, is incapable of producing enough food. Relief supplies will be distributed to 160,000 people, most malnourished and desperate.

The United Nations Security Council has deplored the unwillingness of warring groups to lay down arms and fears the country is in danger of disintegrating. The UN also expressed concern about mass killings, details of which were revealed after officials found graves for up to 2,000 fighters. mostly Taleban.

They were apparently butchered in an around Mazar-i-Sharif, scene of fighting in May last year.

The UN's warning reflects the view of many Afghan analysts that a formal partition is the only viable solution for the

Kaunda sent to jail Over coup attempt

73-year-old former President of Zambia, was arrested early yesterday at his home in Lusaka, the capital, and inprisoned under the country's state of emergency laws presumably on the orders of Frederick Chiluba, his successor as head of state.

Dr Kaunda's son, Wezi, said the Christmas Day arrest was probably timed to try to avoid publicity. They obviously thought that journalists would not be working and that lawyers would be difficult to

track down," he said. Wezi Kaunda and his father's housekeeper were the only visitors permitted to see Dr Kaunda at Kamwala holding prison. "The conditions in there are terrible. It is liceinfested," said Wezi Kaunda, adding that he believed his father was held out of "vindicattempt carried out by a group of junior army officers on

Dr Kaunda, who was in South Africa at the time and has denied any connection with the coup attempt, has spent the last two months visiting southern countries and addressing meetings and groups of businessmen. He has described

of the world's most indebted nations.

Mr Chiluba's Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) swept to power in 1991 in a wave of popular support for ending the single-party system, but an increasingly brutal political culture, which has tarnished his image as a democrat, has recently prompted some Western do-

6 My father was taken to jail out of vindictiveness to settle old scores. The conditions there are terrible ?

Mr Chiluba and his Government as "thieves and liars". But his own record as President of Zambia, from independence from Britain in

nor governments to suspend aid. This year Dr Kaunda was wounded in the head by a gunshot when police broke up a rally of his United National

if they took him under the detention laws."

Under the state of emergenregulations, detainees can be held for 28 days without charge or access to lawyers. Since it was imposed after the coup attempt at least 90 people, many of them opposition politicians, have been

Up to 100 paramilitary po-licemen, armed with AK47 assault rifles, surrounded Dr Roma suburb before dawn yesterday. His son denied them access without warrants. but after a stand-off lasting nearly three hours Dr Kaunda agreed to go to police headquarters.

His spokesman, Mohabi Lungu, said: "The commander said they just wanted to have an interview. But it is part of a personal vendetta by Chiluba and his cohorts. They will do anything to try to get at the old

Dr Kaunda was driven off from his home in a convov of pick-up trucks manned by armed police. Soon after his arrival at police headquarters, where the detention order was served on him, he was transferred to the prison. A small Christmas morning crowd had gathered outside the building, and as he clambered into the back of a car Dr Kaunda waved a white handkerchief, his political trademark, and asked them to remain calm.

He said: "I have been detained for 28 days. I don't know why. It doesn't make



Former President Kaunda, escorted by armed guards, is driven away in a police vehicle to the Lusaka prison

Green ribbons show anger at Mugabe land seizures

THERE is unnerving orderli-ness here. You would call it obsessive-compulsive if you did not know it was a kind of

The rows of chest-high tobacco plants could have been enamel surface of the water pump that feeds them is wiped shiny clean. The eland in the game section look as if they have come back from a grooming at the pets' parlour. Guy Watson-Smith and the other farmers in the Beatrice district, 43 miles south of Harare, and many of their labourers, wear a small green ribbon in their shirts as a quiet protest against President Mugabe's land takeover. Guy, 48, owns two farms. On Ala-

mein's 2,000 acres, the bluegreen, elephant-eared leaf fills the space between horizons. It is one of the biggest one-farm tobacco producers in the Elim, 1,260 acres, is next door. Apart from 100 acres of

fragile sand, the land is vlei (swamp) with clay soil incapable of growing any crop known to man, says Guy. Its

Shadow of ruin falls on farmers

of Zimbabwe, writes Jan Kaath

in Beatrice

coarse, stringy grass can sus-tain only the giraffe, kudu, impala, eland, zebra, sable, tsessebe and gnu he breeds for

game ranchers. The raison detre of Elim is water. Beatrice is a high-risk farming area. Rainfall is chronically erratic and neither of the table-flat properties has a river or a catchment.

Watson-Smiths changed the landscape. In 1991 three bulldozers scooped out clay to build a four-walled reservoir 30ft high and covering 25 acres, the biggest walled dam in the country, for E660,000. A great pump pushes water from the Mupfure river over two miles

distant into the reservoir, and

then another three miles into the fields of Alamein. Elim is indispensable to

Alamein. Guy spent £83,000 installing drip irrigation on 17 acres this year. He went to Israel to study the technology. There is no ostentatious

wealth. The plain homestead was here when they moved in. He drives a Range Rover, but it is nine years old and worked hard. There is an easy, bantering rapport between the boss and his 98 workers. Nothing could be further from the beergutted, sjambok-wielding Rhodesian farmer caricature. On November 28. President Mugabe tossed all this into an abyss of insecurity. Elim is one of the 1.471 commercial

farms gazetted for "compulsory acquisition". No one had come to assess Alamein, Elim or any of the 30-odd farms listed in the district, about a third of the total. Most of them are top producers. "It's as if eyes out of the district," he said. "I don't know who did

It is the second time politics and race have torn at the Watson-Smiths' roots. In 1983, Guy had to sell the farm on which he was brought up in the Bindura district to the Government. He packed up his family and his 50 workers with their families and moved to Beatrice.

I visited Hanagwe farm in Bindura. It was resettled in 1985 by 57 families of the Fundanevhu co-operative. The homestead and tobacco barns are derelict. There are ten acres of wilting tobacco. The co-op owes 2\$900,000 (£30,000) to the bank, and there is no hope of paying it back. "We are failing," said Stanley Zata, the production nyoka [chaos] here." SARAH-JANE POOL

Moi goes on cash spree in search of votes

> FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI

MONEY and politics have become bosom friends in Kenya, and with voters preparing to go to the polls on Monday the funds are flowing. Worst offender is the ruling party of President Moi. "They're dishing out money all over the place," said one observer. "They don't know

how to do it any other way". According to sources close to the presidential State House, Kenya African National Union (Kanu) parliamentary candidates have been receiving handouts of I million Kenyan shillings cash (about £100,000) to oil their campaigns. The money is distributed at election rallies, 50 or 100 shillings at a time. At one rally near Nairobi, a Kanu

candidate was almost lynched after his cash supply ran low. On election day itself there is expected to be widespread buying of votes. In poor rural areas, voters can be bribed for the price of a kilo of sugar. In Northeastern Province, the provincial administration is reported to be doing just that - handing out bags of sugar and other foodstuffs on behalf of the ruling party.

"There's definitely a lot of rigging going on," said one Western diplomat. "Opposition parties are not above such tricks, but it's mostly Kanu because they're the ones with access to funds."

There have been reports of Kanu officials touring remote areas, buying up voters' cards. The going price is 500 shillings. The areas most affected are those provinces with

strong opposition followings. "Every successful Kanu pol-

itician has an Asian businessman in the background," said Sudhir Vidyarthi, whose firm Colourprint produces nearly all the opposition and some Kanu election posters. "These businessmen want to protect their interests ... they know they'll be tolerated as long as they come up with the money."



Guy Watson-Smith with his wife, Victoria, and son, Adam, outside their homestead at Alamein farm, Zimbabwe

Floods blamed for spread of African killer disease

FROM KARIN DAVIES IN NAIROBI

MEDICAL experts spent yesterday collecting specimens from Kenyans and Somalis stricken by an undiagnosed illness that has caused at least 45 people to haemorrhage to

The Somali Red Cross Society confirmed last night an-

outbreak in southern Somalia of a disease similar to that reported across the border in Kenya. Red Cross officials said 42 people have died in Torotorow, 72 miles south of Mogadishu. All had high fevers, severe stomach cramps

and vomited blood. In Kenya, doctors have confirmed three deaths from the disease, all of which

happened last week at a hospital in the remote town of Garissa. They were trying to verify reports that 171 more people had died in flooded villages in the northeast of the

country. The outbreaks in both countries happened along rivers, the Ewaso Nyiri in Kenya and the Shabeelle in Somalia. Experts speculate that flood-

ing brought on by El Niño that contaminated drinking water and allowed pests that breed in floodwaters to flourish may have caused the disease

The first batch of specimens gathered in Kenyan villages 200 miles and 350 miles northwest of Nairobi were expected back in the capital late yesterday for testing to-

day. It was unclear when samples from Somalia would Twelve possible diseases

are being investigated, including yellow fever, dengue, Rift Valley and relapsing fevers. Ebola, which also causes its victims to bleed from the mouth and other orifices, has tentatively been ruled



Mexico mourns raid 'martyrs'

Three held over slaughter of 45 peasants in attack on rebel

village, writes David Adams

AT LEAST three suspects are explain why no effort was being questioned over the slaughter of 45 defenceless Indian peasants in southern Mexico, as surviving villagers held a wake in the memory of their lost relatives. None of the suspects has yet been

In the deserted chapel of Acteal, the tiny rural hamlet where the orgy of killing began on Monday, some villagers who escaped the massa-cre returned on Christmas Eve of a Tzotzil Indian organislagers who escaped the massafor a commu-

nal meal to honour the birth of Jesus and to remember their dead. Heaps bloodied clothes, shoes and the bedding of those died.

covered the church floor, providing a grim contrast to the decorations and a Nativity scene. Bloodstains also marked the paths leading from the church down to a nearby river bank, where some of the victims tried to hide before the cries of their frightened children gave them

A special Christmas Eve Mass was held in the nearby village of Polho, where the bloodstained coffins were laid out in the local church. The dead have yet to be identified and the coffins bore simple labels, such as "Adult, female, 35," and "Adult, male, 23". Blood seeped from the smaller coffins of some of the child victims as they were carried down a steep dirt path lined with Tzotzil Indian women and children holding candles in a late-night vigil.

"I have never before assisted at a Christmas Mass with 45 people dead," Oscar Salinas, the priest, said. "These are people of strong spirit who live on the margins of violence. You could say it was a situation of martyrdom."

Mexicans are demanding that the Government should

made to stop the killing. Roman Catholic Church officials say the Government was alerted to the shooting almost immediately it began. Wit-nesses said it went on uninter-

rupted for at least five hours. The survivors say the attack stemmed from a regional dispute over a local alternative pro-Zapatista villagers.

GULF OF MEXICO

ation called Las Abejas, which sought self-government in the Chenalho district of north-Chiapas. Zapatistas' strong peasant support represents a direct challenge to the

dominance in Chiapas of the PRI, which has governed Mexico for 70 years.

Human rights groups and church leaders are placing much of the blame on the Mexican Government, saying its failure to move firmly and quickly to disarm paramilitary groups and negotiate a solution to the four-year-old conflict had created the conditions that led to the massacre.

Human rights groups claim that the PRI administration in the southern state of Chiapas has secretly armed the paramilitary groups, supposedly in defence against the Zapatistas. The PRI has insisted that it does not condone violence or encouraged any paramilitary brutality.

Zedillo

demned the massacre and

Emilio Chuayfett, the Interior

Minister, denied the federal

Government bore any respon-

sibility, "even by omission". Catholic leaders said they

gave ample warning to the

The direct responsibility for these bloody acts rests on [President] Ernesto Zedillo ... and the Secretary of the Interior, who for years gave the green light to a counter-insurgency programme presented by the federal army," said Subcommander Marcos, military leader of the Zapatista peasant army that launched an uprising four years ago to demand civil rights for the



has bitterly con-

6 We discovered many of the bodies. We saw some on top of others, dead women clutching their dead children ?

soring the sale and the trafficking of weapons, acting as protectors and co-ordinators of the various paramilitary

Government that paramili-tary violence was brewing. groups," the letter said. We have information that Church leaders say they continued to provide the Govparamilitary groups are multiplying," the Church told the ernment with specific Government in a letter in warnings in the days leading October. "Former soldiers and up to the attack on Acteal. When the shooting began, the police are training civilians to bishop's office in San Cristófight their brothers, ruling party congressmen are spon-

received a telephone call alerting them that the village was under attack. Although that information was immediately

Government failed to respond. Survivors of the massacre, in which 21 women and 15 children were killed, have identified the gunmen as members of a paramilitary group with ties to the PRI. After the shooting began,

passed on to state officials, the

escape the gunmen by fleeing down a mountainside.

Augusto Gómez Pérez burst into tears as he told reporters how he and other survivors ventured back to the area on Monday evening after the shooting subsided.

"We discovered many of the bodies. We saw some on top of others, dead women clutching their dead children." he said.

Unable to continue, he mumbled, "so much sadness". His nephew, Juan Vázquez

Luna, 15, lost his parents and his sister in the massacre. He said that he ran, while his father made the mistake of trying to crawl to safety. ☐ Volcano erupts: Mexico's

giant Popocatepetl volcano spewed black smoke four miles high and belched a pool of lava early yesterday in its strongest explosion since June, volcano experts and media reports said. The smoke and ash could be seen 33 miles away in the capital, Mexico City. (Reuters)

At least 32 die as **Pakistan** trains collide

By Christopher Thomas SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

A BLUNDER by a railway worker is believed to have been responsible for a train crash in Pakistan in which ar least 32 people died and 100 were injured — the latest in a catastrophic record of train disasters that have claimed more than 2,000 lives in a decade.

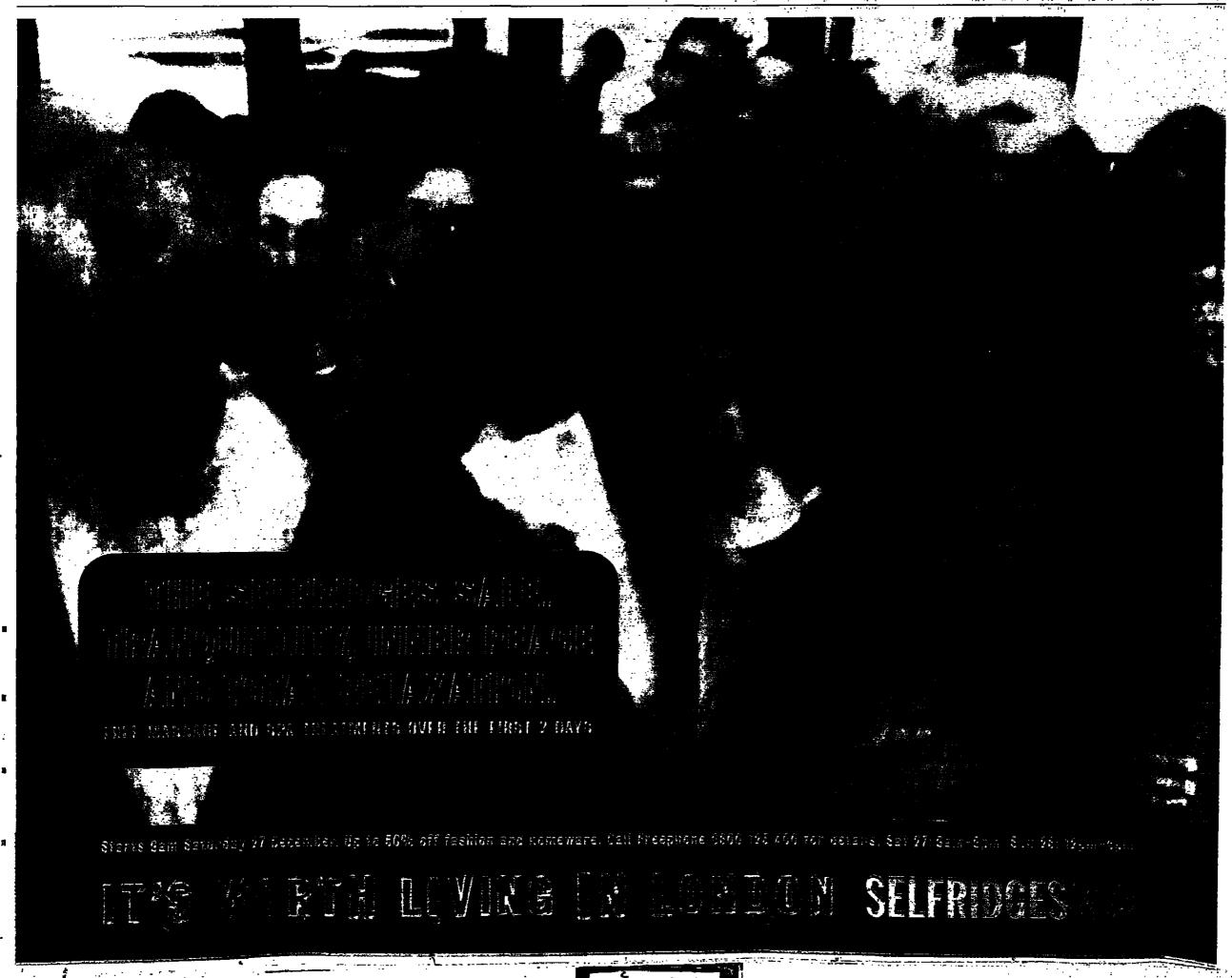
The Rohi express was travelling at top speed through a rural station at Rustam Sargana, 15 miles from the eastern Punjab town of Jhang, when it smashed into the front of a stationary train shortly before midnight on Wednesday. Visibility was low

because of fog. The Associated Press of Pakistan reported that the train should have been on parallel tracks and that a guard or a railway employee in charge of points may have

Some of the world's worst railway disasters have been in Pakistan. In 1989 two passenger trains collided, killing 850 people. In March this year 135 people died when a train jumped the tracks and slammed into a sand dune

after the brakes failed. The Pakistan Air Force was called out to cut free passengers trapped in the carriages of both trains in the latest crash. Villagers carried away the dead and injured before emergency services arrived. Many died from their wounds during the journey to hospital over bumpy country roads. The death toll is expected to rise because of severe injuries sustained by many passengers. Four were described last

night as critical. The train was on its way to Rawalpindi and was not scheduled to stop at the station, where a local train travelling from Multan was about to pull away from the platform when the express smashed into it.



The Jackal plots to beat life of prison boredom

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

CARLOS the Jackai will today be questioned over a 1982 terrorist attack in the first of a long line of judicial rendez-vous that will represent his only break from the monotony

After his life sentence in Paris on Tuesday for murder, the media-loving terrorist is likely to multiply legal proce-dures in the hope of winning public exposure and relief from boredom. His lawyers say he will appeal against his conviction for shooting dead two French secret service agents and their informer in

Illich Ramirez Sánchez, the wealthy Venezuelan Marxist who became known as Carlos, has little hope of overturning the verdict reached by the

French jury.
But at least he will be able to demand extra visits from his battalion of lawyers, one of whom, a former model, was found sitting on his knee in a prison interview room last

Carlos will no doubt be pleased that his encounters with the man he appears to consider as his sparring partner, the French anti-terrorist judge Jean-Louis Bruguière,

Judge Bruguière wants to interrogate Carlos over the 1982 bombing of the Parisian offices of the newspaper, al Watan al Arabi, which left one person dead. Carlos has been charged in connection with the incident, one of five terrorist acts for which he has been placed under formal

The others are the 1974 grenade attack on a Paris people: the bombing in 1982 of live the revolution."

a train, killing five; the explo-sion in a Marseilles train station, which left two dead in 1983; and the explosion on the Paris to Marseilles high-speed train, which caused five deaths, also in 1983.

The terrorist's performance at this week's court case suggests he will press for all five procedures to end in public trials, even if that means repeated life sentences for him.

At his first public outing since his capture in Sudan in 1994, the self-styled "militant communist revolutionary multiplied eccentricities in a successful attempt to seize centre stage

On the final day he confused observers with a speech of almost four hours in often incomprehensible French that did little to shed light on the 1975 killings. "I have never denied the facts. I have neither confirmed nor denied them. say. 'I don't co-operate'." His actions, he said, should

be placed in the context of a world war between Zionism and the Earth's damned, the slaves. This is a fight to the death that humanity is going to win. If not there will be total alienation, the McDonaldisation of the human race." Beyond the struggle, howev-

er, Carlos again let other preoccupations filter through his monologue, notably his own image. Defining himself as a man "not of iron, but of sentiment", he said: "A mercenary kills for money . . . but we have killed for an ideology, for a cause, the Palestinian

To prove the point, he greeted the verdict with a raised fist, should



Cubans packing Havana's cathedral to celebrate Christmas for the first time in 28 years. Many have only a vague idea of what it is about

Cuba learns how to enjoy Christmas

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THOUSANDS of Roman Catholic worshippers packed Havana's cathedral yesterday to give thanks for their first Christmas holiday in nearly three decades.

The celebrations came after a surprise decision last week by President Castro to restore the traditional holiday as what he called a one-time exception to honour next month's historic visit by the Pope. For the first time since 1969, Cubans did not have to get up on Christmas morning and prepare for work or

Many Cubans were celebrating Christmas for the first time and have only a vague idea of what it is all about. Although it was never completely outlawed, practising any religious faith in Cuba was discouraged by the Comnor Castro was swept to power in the 1959 revolution. Cuba officially declared itself an atheist nation in 1962, and the Christmas holiday was discarded in 1969 to boost the sugar harvest.

Until recently having a Christmas tree was looked upon as an insult to the revolution. But these days Cuban officials can no longer find any contradiction between Christmas and the revolution. Christmas began making a comeback after the strictions on religious worship in 1992. For the first time this year Christmas trees and other holiday items went on

sale in government shops. Government pork was also being offered in state-run markets at subsidised prices. No feast is complete in Cuba without roast pork, and many families in Havana have takfor months in advance of important birthdays and

Traditional Christmas decorations remain in short supply and are too expensive for ost people, who earn state salaries of no more than £10 a month. During years of eco-nomic hardship Cubans have become experts in cannibalising all sorts of odds and ends and fashioning them into makeshift objects of worth. Christmas is no different, as families convert potted plants substitute Christmas trees, adoming them with home-made decorations.

☐ Papal message: In a special Christmas message to the Cuban people last weekend, the Pope welcomed the return of the religious holiday. However, in an apparent sign of his readiness to challenge Cuba's Communist authorities, he made a veiled appeal for the Christmas holiday to



Castro meets Santa Claus: How the issue was seen by cartoonist Kal in the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper

SUMMARY

Four more may have avian flu

Hong Kong: Four more people were feared to have avian flu, which has killed at least three people here and chickens from China.

A government statement said the latest possible victims included a woman, 25, who was in a critical condition. Two young boys were also in hospital, and a year-old boy has been discharged after he recovered. Blood tests on 732 chickens have tested negative for the virus. (Reuters)

Director dies

Milan: Giorgio Strehler, 76. one of Italy's best-known the atre directors and Shakespear-eans, died of a heart attack in Switzerland. In 1947 he founded Milan's Piccolo Theatre, where he worked for half a century. (Reuters)

Spacemen paid

Moscow: Mir cosmonauts were finally paid in full. Their money was withheld during an inquiry into a collision involving the space station. Commander Vasily Tsibliyev and engineer Aleksandr Laz-utkin returned in August. (AP)

Churches stoned

Jakarta: A 300-strong mob using sticks and stones destroyed two houses used as Christian churches in a village 12 miles west of Indonesia's capital. The country is mainly Islamic. Many of the worshippers were ethnic Chinese. (AP)

Wrong target

Ankara: Eight people, includ-ing two civilians, were hurt when a missile struck a ship used to launch target balloons during a Black Sea training exercise for Turkish cadets. One of those injured was in a serious condition. (Reuters)

Striking escape

Brussels: Vincent Buret, 25, an armed robber, has broken out of jail for the fourth time, by climbing down from his high-security cell on the ninth floor of Belgium's largest prison. He escaped as guard: were on a pay strike. (Reuters)

Mayor scraps **Tiber** tunnel

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

A GRANDIOSE plan to build a fast motor underpass along the Tiber next to the Castel Sant'Angelo by 2000 has been scrapped by the Mayor of Rome, Francesco Rutelli, after archaeologists said the project could undermine the foundations of the fortress.

Signor Rutelli is responsible for celebrations to mark the advent of the Christian millennium. He said it was not feasible to complete the tunnel before December 1999, the deadline for completion of infrastructure projects for use by millions of pilgrims.

The underpass project had been criticised by cultural heritage representatives who want more tests to be carried out to determine the possible impact on Hadrian's Mausoleum. Environmental pressure groups also opposed the proposal on the ground that Castel Sant'Angelo might be undermined by excavations. It is the second time the city

fathers have had to retreat on pledges to create jobs through public works schemes. More than 6 billion lire (£2,2 million) was spent on preparing for the

The Vatican backs the plan since it could ease traffic

German 'suicide bomber' accused

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI police have charged a German convert to Islam with terrorism, after he allegedly became the first non-Arab to volunteer to become a suicide bomber.

Stephen Joseph Smirak, 26, a German citizen, was to have made the mission on behalf of the Iranian-backed militant Muslim movement, Hezbollah, based in Lebanon.

He appeared in a Tel Aviv court yesterday "charged with helping an enemy in war with Israel", passing on informa-tion to Hezbollah which could have harmed the security of the Jewish state, and membership of a terrorist organis-ation. The two-hour hearing was closed to reporters.

Afterwards Herr Smirak's lawyer denied that his client had pleaded guilty to the charges. He said that this would be determined only when proceedings resume on January 4. If convicted, Herr Smirak could face life imprisonment

The charge sheet says Herr Smirak converted to Islam in 1994 and two years later made contact with Hezbollah. Police allege that Herr Smirak told them that, if released, he would resume working towards his suicide-bornb goal.

He allegedly underwent explosives training in a Hezbollah camp in Lebanon before arriving in Israel on November 28. He was sent to

videotape crowded places in Tel Aviv and Haifa and was due to travel on to Turkey, where he was to have met his Hezbollah operators.

In Turkey, he was to have received his final orders including instructions about how to prepare an explosive device and the intended location of a terrorist strike. But he never reached the second stage of his operation. He was arrested by Israeli intelligence agents, after his arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion airport.

In the three weeks since his arrest, he has been interrogated but details of his confessions were kept secret. A restraining order on publica-tion of details about the case was only partially lifted on

Police said Herr Smirak had a history of criminal activity, including drugs and robbery, and had served time behind bars in Germany. He reportedly exchanged his passport in Europe to hide any trace of his stay in Lebanon before arriving in Israel.

Israeli intelligence has claimed Hezbollah has been attempting to enlist Europeans for terrorist strikes. In a statement issued in Lebanon last night, Hezbollah leaders denied they had recruited Herr Smirak to plan a suicide attack and claimed the story had been made up by Israeli intelligence agents.

New York murder rate still in decline

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

NEW York is on course to register its lowest murder rate in 30 years. With less than a week to go before the official annual tally is compiled, police have recorded only 746 homicides, a 22 per cent decrease from last year, when 961 people were killed.

However, heartening as the figures are, the city's declining murder rate still needs to be kept in perspective. More people have been killed here this year than in Britain, where 680 murders have been recorded. Credit for the fall in homicides is being given to Rudolph Giuliani, the city's Mayor, as well as to Howard Safir, the Police Commissioner.

Their "zero-tolerance" police policy has ensured that New York is much safer to live in than five years ago. in 1992, before Mr Giuliani took office. murders reached a record peak of 2,262. Over the succeeding years, the rate dropped annually.

Although there were fewer murders in 1997, it did record more than its fair share of high-profile homicides. They included a string of Central Park killings and the death of Malcolm X's widow, who was set alight by her grandson.

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Russia backs down in spying row

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA yesterday backed away from an embarrassing and potentially damaging spy row with Washington, when an American accused of espionage was allowed to leave the country in an alleged gesture of seasonal goodwill. Richard Bliss. 29, an elec-

tronics engineer from California, was expected to be home for dinner in San Diego last night, exactly a month after he was arrested by Russian counter-intelligence officers in the southern city of Rostovon-Don. The Federal Security Service (FSB), the successor to the KGB, said that he was being allowed home as a humanitarian act.

If prosecutors require his presence he has been ordered to return to Russia by January 10, when he could stand trial on espionage charges and face up to 20 years in prison. However, the move was widely regarded by both Rus-

sian and American officials as a face-saving climbdown by Moscow, after over-realons counter-intelligence officers wrongly detained Mr Bliss, who was found using satellite

receivers in a sensitive area of It transpired that Mr Bliss,

who works for the Qualcomm Corporation of California. was simply a technician carrying out installation work for a new cellular communications system in the city. "Had he been a real spy, nobody would have sent him to America for Christmas," said Valeri Petryasev, the lawyer defending Mr Bliss, who doubted that the case would get to

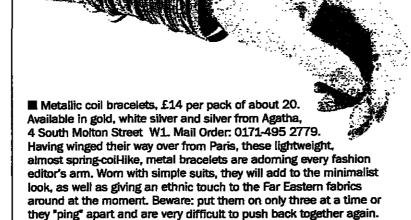
Although such incidents do arise occasionally in Russia, particularly in provisional areas where local counter-intelligence officers often treat foreigners with Soviet-style suspicion, this particular case deteriorated into the worst of its kind since the end of the

Cold War six years ago. The arrest sparked an angry response from Washington and the case was taken up by Al Gore, the American Vice-President, and a number of congressmen, who threatened to take retaliatory action against Russia unless Mr Bliss was freed. His return home was regarded by the United States as the end of the

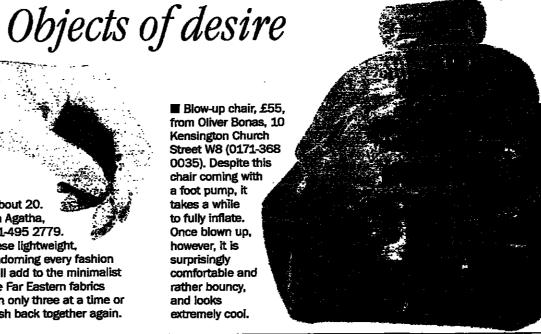


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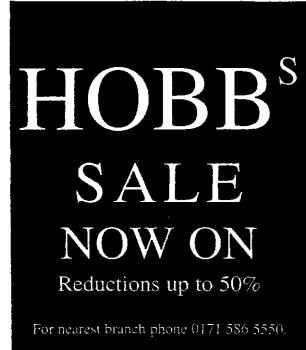




■ Blow-up chair, £55, from Oliver Bonas, 10 Kensington Church Street W8 (0171-368 0035). Despite this chair coming with a foot pump, it takes a while to fully inflate. Once blown up, surprisingly comfortable and rather bouncy, and looks extremely cool.



Reflections on Morticia Addams



h, no! It is the Night-mare after Christmas. You wake to the frosty sunlight pouring through the window, and the sound of someone pounding on the door. After a moment you realise that the pounding is actually inside your head. Your eyeballs have shrivelled in their sockets like a couple of sultanas in a nutshell. You feel like someone who was horribly put to death a couple of thousand years ago. Rising from your bed like a mummy emerging from its sarcopha-gus, you judder over to the

mirror and take a look. It cracks from side to side. Well, no. all right, it doesn't. But still, the ruby-eyed reflection gazing back at you might be Mornicia Addams's elder sister after a particularly heavy night on the beetle juice. It is a grim sight, and what makes it all the worse is that tonight is the party of the year. to which he is definitely coming. It has to be said that in your present condition, even Frankenstein's Monster might If you look, and feel, like someone who was put to death a couple of thousand years ago, read on ... take one look and find an excuse to be elsewhere. So.

If you are aged between 18 and 24, you can stop worrying. Sausage, bacon, eggs, mushrooms, dripping toast and a glass of champagne just before you go out will probably see you blooming this evening as prettily as ever. The rest of you had better stay behind and

what are you going to do about

pay attention. What you do now by way of a pick-me-up will depend largely on how much time you have at your disposal. Your poor old liver might have benefited from Zand's Milk Thistle dietary supplement. and your immune system from a dose of Kombucha Mushroom Elixir, if only you had started taking them, as urged by Vogue, when the party season started. For now. though, it is emergency measures only. You might start with a purifying mud face pack. La Prairie does a Cellular Purifying Clay mask which reeks punitively of something antiseptic and tingles when you put it on. You emerge shrimp pink, with every pore

> CUTTING **EDGE** JANE SHILLING

tightened to its limit. The Fango Borghese mask shown here is a gentler experience but still perfectly effective. If you are expecting visitors and don't want to have to greet

little glass dropper. You apply a tiny amount to a clean skin for a quick lift. Feeling a trifle jaded a couple of weeks ago, I found myself at the Lancôme

mask. A serum is usually a clear liquid, often packaged in

quasi-medical fashion with a

counter, being lectured on the magical properties of the Oligo-Major anti-fatigue stim-ulating serum. "A lot of my ladies use it when they have been in hospital," said the enamelled Ancient Mariner behind the till. Good grief! I was obviously looking even worse than I had thought. Morale reduced to the size of a pea, I handed over my credit card and went home with a little bottle of stuff that smells like Vim, but seems to be working quite well.

them looking like the Creature from the Crypt, a serum is quicker and less messy than a But what if there is not even time for that? It is half an hour before the crucial date, and only option is a vow of perpetual chastity and a lifetime spent doing good works with the Little Sisters of the Irredeemably Plain. Just be-fore you book a fitting for the habit, you might try one of the balms produced by sympathetic cosmetics companies for hopeless cases such as yours.

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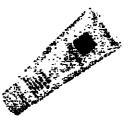
Beauté promises to "eliminate tiredness

and restore a radiant glow to the face". It smells divine, but I fear that exhaustion is too indelibly scrawled over my visage for it to respond. Clarins Beauty Flash Bahn smells less nice but seems to work better. In either case, the effort of slapping it on will at least get the circulation going.
Of course, the one really infallible pick-me-up is a nice early night. Next morning you will look ravishing. The only thing is, no one will be awake to see you. They will all still be sleeping off the excesses of the



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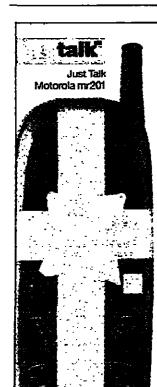
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Jason Cowley discovers ways to avoid the dreaded festive fatigue and ensure that the fun keeps running into new year

London party circuit. Together with his partner, Nick - the self-styled Nosh Brothers - he has written several books on food and entertaining.

"How does anyone keep going during the party season? uck, stamina and good planning . . . The last holds the key for me; the Nosh Brothers' life is a punishing round of socialising — professional and personal. We run an outside catering business, write books. do some televison and as much lunching and partying as we can. In the run-up to Christmas, if you want to see everyone - go to the parties events have to be organised with military precision.

This year I'm in Canberra for Christmas, staying with my parents, who love their food. My mother is Germanborn, so we have goose for Christmas Day; my father loves his wines. I plan to drink good, subtle wine and eat beef on the bone every day. My younger son, who is 19, went to and has already put on

half a stone. "To sustain myself during the slow run-up to the new year - and if I get bored in Canberra - I'll move on to Syndey for the beaches, restaurants and party scene. It's blisteringly hot there at the moment, as those rampaging bush fires show. And then it's on to Bali for new year, where I'll meet up with friends.

"I've never much enjoyed new year in London — everyone usually runs out of steam after Christmas and there's a fake frivolity about much of the scene. I prefer Amsterdam, where the streets are really vibrant, full of exploding fireworks and

light, and where there is usually a hint of danger and chaos. Or the Tropics, where there are bars as good as you find in Barcelona and, if you want, you can also enjoy the peace and tranquillity of de-

adds: "Of course, burnout is a constant worry. The other day. Nick had a lunch with a few old friends at the Oxo Tower restaurant on the South Bank. at which they each had to drink three bottles of wine. Then they headed for the Groucho for more of the same. The Groucho is our oasis; it's where we can hooliganise with our friends without being in the public gaze. But you must learn to pace yourself over Christmas, not do too much

Which is easier said than done, for we are big guys with big appetites. Our white coats are a licence to cause mayhem.

when the real mayhem takes

SALLY JANE ELLIS, 38, a housewife and qualified riding much more hectic and panicky." She lives in Hunting-field. Suffolk, with her husband, Tim, and their two young children, Gemma, nine, and Tristan, three. Before moving to Suffolk she ran her own equestrian centre with 40 horses in Essex.

You have to start earlier and earlier if you want to get everything done, especially if you are entertaining, as I have been. Those few days between Christmas Day and the new year can be terribly fraught for a busy housewife: I sometimes

wonder how I keep going.

I always do my Christmas shopping in short bursts, less exhausting than trying to do it all at once at the last minute. and try to think of a theme every year. It stops me panicking. For example, this year all the men in the family got minitorches and I bought dishes for my three sisters and sister-Canberra a week before me in-law. As for food shopping, enjoying our new indoor



Aliza Reger: spends Boxing Day in bed

the nearest supermarket is 70 miles away, so making last-minute dashes is something of

an impossibility.
"I find that setting myself deadlines helps to keep on top of things. For example, I make the Christmas cake and pudding in November, and have a rule that cards have to be written and sent by December 1, although a few to business associates are always left until the last minute.

"On Christmas Day last year, I got up at 5am to muck out our five horses, which also needed to be taken out for exercise later in the day.

"I put the turkey in to cook at that time on Christmas morning, although I did con-template putting it in the oven the night before so it could cook through the night. My parents, mother-in-law, younger sister. Kat, and her boyfriend and child spent Christmas Day with us. Kat is a dairy farmer so she is also extremely busy around the Christmas period.



Ever more hectic: Sally Jane Ellis, with Tristan, three



Celebrity cooks Mick and Nick Nosh see luck, stamina and good planning as the key. Says Mick, left: "You must pace yourself over Christmas - easier said than done

The past week has been absolutely manic; I have been going to bed at 1.30am and getting up at 5.30 - even though I have a considerable amount of help at home. We have two girls to help us with the horses. We also have Jenny, who helps with the cleaning, and Shirley, who helps with the ironing. Howentertaining and partying, so there is always so much to do.

ally Jane believes: The most important thing is just to keep going. The new year celebrations always seem slightly less organised than those for Christmas, perhaps because by the time New Year's Eve arrives everyone is exhausted. We will be spending New Year's Eve at home.

swimming pool, but I've accepted that I won't get a real opportunity to relax until February when the whole family is going on a skiing holiday."

ALJZA REGER, 32, business executive and party girl, says already she has had a "typically frantic" season: "I've been going to two or three events a night. sometimes more. Then there are all the professional social functions. the lunches, newspaper and magazine parties. wine and canapé brunches. To survive. it's a case of burning the candle at both ends. Except that I've learnt not to drink; or at least

not to drink too much. I'm a tiny person, seven-and-a-half stone and not much more than 5ft 2in. I feel dizzy after a couple of glasses and suffer dreadful hangovers. A friend once recommended that I take Resolve, but that made me feel sicker than the alcohol. So now I limit myself to one. perhaps two drinks per party.

That's one way to keep going. The other is to spend Boxing Day in bed, doing nothing. Most years I do Christmas dinner at home for about 20 people, friends and family. Which means getting up early, despite the excesses of the night before, rolling up my sleeves, putting on the rubber gloves and working. working, working. The situation is complicated by the fact that my birthday, December 27, falls between Boxing Day and the new year. So just when you think it's safe to rest. you have to start all over again. I'm not one of those people who ignores birthdays; I hope to be celebrating mine when I

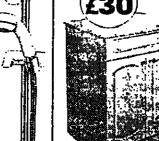
This year I'm celebrating it in Mauritius with my husband, Andrew, and our daughter. Annoushka, and many friends. Nothing has been planned, although some of our friends arrived early to suss out what is going on. The big hotel parties don't really appeal to me, 200 or 300 anonymous people meeting in a spirit of fake bonhomic. What I'm looking for is something looser, more creatively relaxed: let's call it spontaneous combustion.

"In January I start a new job, as chief executive of Janet Reger. But, despite the increased responsibility, this won't stop me partying; nothing could do that."





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Everyman's court jesters for our age

John Lloyd speaks up for the

class acts of the streets

n the long covered walk-way which leads from Dundee's Discovery Point Leisure Centre to the town's main streets, a busker was giving the Christmas shoppers their favourites: A Scottish Soldier, Will Ye Go, Lassie? and So This Is Christmas.

The sentimental ones are the best he explains, in a gap between Flower of Scotland and Mr Tambourine Man: the sentimental ones and the Scottish ones, and if the two are united (as they often are). best of all. A good two or three hours, after which the cold in the draughty hallway drives him into the pub for a break. might net him £20.

Each to their taste. The buskers who work the popular slot at the bottom of the down escalator to the Victoria Line at Victoria Station camp it up more. One wears a catsuit and plays trad jazz on a clarinet. A merry Nigerian bangs on the bongos with a backing track on a tape machine, keeping up a line of comic patter with the endless stream of humanity which clanks past. A new act appeared the other day: a striking young woman with wild hair, who sang torch songs unaccompanied, with energy and talent.

They are there on sufferance. The Dundee busker could be moved on under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act of 1982 if he were deemed to be causing an obstruction. The acts at the foot of the Victoria Line escalator are covered by London Transport bylaw 22, which prohibits "soliciting for a reward" or "playing a musical instrument to the annoyance of others". In practice, they can work unless

someone complains. Labour, when soliciting for votes, turned a cold eye on these and other street activities and rumbled about tougher laws but nothing has been done and probably nothing will. For the streets appear to be winning this small but important struggle and in so doing, the people of the streets are making a modest contribu-

The Scroogeish spirit of the Victorian-era laws which defined buskers' presence on public thoroughfares as mere obstruction, is being challenged. A major Metro - in Tyne and Wear - has for the past two years licensed buskers to perform in its 46 stations, and has found the

response encouraging.
The private sector has done more. For a decade, the company which owns the piazza in Covent Garden, Guardian Properties, has licensed street performers - it dislikes the term buskers who are indeed in a different league - to perform in an outdoor pitch at the back of St Paul's Church. and inside the covered arcade in the centre of the Garden. The performers are licensed in an audition before the piazza's

One star has shot out of Covent Garden into the big time. The comedian Eddie izzard did a comedy swordfighting act for years in the Garden. He organised his fellow street performers into an association with a constitution, to bargain with Guardian and to limit entry in what

can be an overcrowded profession.

Paddy Bramwells runs the association now, he does the Famos (sic) Bramwells comedy magic turn, which he defines as in the British tradition of street performing minimalism. There are only two tricks in his act; everything is in the comic build-up. The great Tommy Cooper is the epitome of this style.

The Garden is the best

organised, but Mr Bramwells says Brighton, Bath. York and Glasgow are all friendly to performers. The space at the foot of Edinburgh's Mound, next to the National Gallery of Scotland is, during the Festival, a rich picking for those who can withstand the unlicensed (but unharried) free-for-all. Abroad, Boston, San Francisco and Sydney all have their street performing spaces as does the Pompidou Centre in Paris, though that, says Mr Bramwells, is a mafia which an outsider dares to

enter at his peril. Most importantly, Mr Bramwells says that he and many of his comrades do not want to leave the streets - on which veterans, like the famed "Butterfly Man" from San Francisco, who does comicaggressive repartee, spend decades.

Mr Bramwells has a home, a family and an accountant. The man singing Flower of Scotland on the windy walkway, or the woman giving It Had To Be You all she has by the escalator, are likely to have an ambiguous relationship with the police and a nonexistent one with the Inland

But the cautious nibbling at the edges of the street performers' world by State and commerce should continue and be encouraged; for it is here, in this semi-bohemian, semi-dropout world, that an increasing number of citizens, especially the young, will find at least a temporary home.

It cannot be banned in a free society; nor should it be. The musicians and jugglers and attention or our sympathy are engaging us in small civic acts, jerking us out of the driven solipsism which urban transport encourages.

They divert, amuse, touch. They provide some antidote to the relentiess ambience of themed Muzak; I was glad to hear the neo-nationalist rubbish which is Flower of Scotland on the walkway, for at least it was attached to a human being and not enjoining me to Be

Merry through loudspeakers. We believe in competition: Covent Garden shows that auditioning for a space on the street encourages class acts. We believe in enterprise: think, as you digest in the warmth, how much enterprise it takes to set up the bongos and the tape recorder and shout cheerful greetings to an indifferent stream.

The men and women of street entertainment could become Everyman's court jesters for our age. We will need more such obstructions in the new

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Parables of lost innocence

The ancient Bolivian fort town of Curahuara de Carangas has a fine old church, and my friend Peter had an artist friend, Roberto, who was restoring the frescoes and painted ceiling. We hoped Roberto might show us these. We had heard he was accommodated in a roadworkers' camp, but there were no telephones and we were many miles away. All we could do

was search for him. So it was last summer that we took the evening coach from La Paz to the truck-stop of Patacamaya, from where we would have to beg a ride through the night in a lorry. Hunched over a meal of coca tea, stale bread and chicken-claw soup. we found an elderly driver who, for two dollars, would drop us where the road passes closest to Curahuara. The rest we would walk.

In a 70-mile drive we passed no other traffic. From time to time our driver would reach into the dashboard and pull out a white plastic bottle, from which he would take a swig. This was 97 per cent proof

The road being straight, I felt unconcerned — until he started disengaging his engine on the downhill slopes. These were long and steep. We would freewheel, gathering speed. As the enormous load we were carrying swaved behind us, the cab would shake. When the headlights picked out an upturn in the road, I would sigh inwardly with relief.

"Son Ingleses?" he inquired, guessing our nationality. "Diana. La limpiaron, no?" He thought she had been "cleaned up" by the Royal

Family. Around midnight the lorry driver pulled over to the hard shoulder. Curahuara," he said, indicating a junction. He now planned to sleep a little. We climbed down. Peter orahbing his rucksack and I my rolled-up sleeping bag. We walked into the night, toward the soft Tilley-light of a corrugated iron hut some way off the road.

A few roadworkers there knew nothing of Roberto, Curahuara was ten minutes down the road, they said. There was no moon. The frieze of peaks around the horizon was black. But arched above us were many millions of stars, and the whole plain was hathed in pale, ethereal light. The road stretched into nothingness: no sign of Curahuara at all.

And it was unbelievably cold. At 1,300ft the temperature was far below A church high in the Andes stands as a symbol to faith under threat

zero. The inside of my nose froze, our faces ached, and I began to lose feeling in one hand. So I plunged the arm into the core of my rolled bag,

wearing it like a monstrous glove.

We marched in profound silence.

Passing over a bridge we missed the noise of water, but the river had turned to ice, stopped in its tracks. Nobody passed. Our progress seemed somehow unreal, as though we were trapped within a time-loop, for, though the silvery earth passed beneath our stride, the black shapes of the hills to either hand - more distant than they seemed - never

changed or moved. Then, all at once, dark, angular shapes arose to

We stared. These were the rooflines of We were right in the middle of town! In the silence. Curahuara had ambushed us, ghostly and unlit. They

stop the generator at nine. One light glimmered from a window, and we made for it. Three South American Indians were slumped at a table with their beers and paraffin lamp. The barmaid knew nothing of Roberto but took pity on us. We could have a room for 50 cents. "You can share the bed," she said, lighting a candle-end and dumping a pile of blankets by the door. Head to toe, toe

to head, we just fitted. Before first light I awoke and ventured out to pee in the yard. The planets almost seemed to flare. The stars burned a dazzling gold and white. The cold cut the lungs and windpipe. 4am on the altiplano is a sharp, breathless, enchanted, lonely time. You never enjoy the world aright. wrote Thomas Traherne, till the sea itself floweth in your veins, till you are clothed with the heavens, and crowned with the stars, and perceive yourself to be the sole heir of the

whole world." Sunrise brought blinding light flooding through the iron frame of our broken window and the sound of cornet playing reveille, as conscripts began marching in the fort. Curahuara's one bus started revving its engine in the square, three hours

before it was due to leave. We found the mayor. Roberto had been away from Curahuara for some weeks, he thought — but would we like to see the paintings? He hoped these ancient glories of the altiplano would soon bring tourists to his struggling town. The mayor mounted an old bike and pedalled off to find the church caretaker. She returned with a bundle of enormous keys.

The church is huge and strangely dumpy: imagine something the size of a substantial urban parish church, with mud walls 4ft thick, and roofed in straw. It was completed in the

17th century. With-in, almost every square yard of wall and ceiling vivid sort. The frescoes, completed in 1777, were mostly executed by South

American Indian and Mestizo converts, after the manner of the period. The effect was stunning. You can recognise both the style and the themes of 18th-century Catholic art; but here was an enthusiasm, and a naivety, that contrasted with the languor, the lushness - almost decadence - of European religious painting. It was Grandma Moses meets Gian Lorenz Bernini. Leaping at the viewer with freshness and wonder was a depiction of their pastor's miraculous vision of angels, and Mary ("This is a true painting of Our Lady of the Snows, Special Defender of Raios 7.

There were pictures of the Flood, and the Miracles, Gethsemene, the Massacre of the Innocents, and Heaven and Hell. All had a childlike quality - as though the scales had just fallen from the artist's eyes, and he had witnessed the beginning, and end, and meaning of the whole

A curiosity of the Indian religious art of this period in South America is the artists' apparent inability to get the eyes of animals right. Beasts of the field and birds are given human eyes, eyelashes - even, sometimes. eyebrows. This may be because llama

and alpaca do have eyes like people, with prominent eyelashes, and (in the case of alpaca) something approaching eyebrows, too. So, in these scenes, sheep, cows, horses and donkeys glance out at the viewer with horribly arresting, intelligent gaze. In pride of place on the church walls was a large. naive version of the Last Supper. On

Jesus's plate lay a roast guinea-pig. Everything was executed with such freshness, such amazement. When the young Indian converts had painted these walls. Jesus and Mary had only recently arrived in the Andes. The paintings were wide-eyed with wonder and faith. The work had the quality of astonishment. Like the eucalyptus tree now marching across the South American highlands and militant in its spread, this Church and its miracles had been, all those centuries ago, what botanists call an introduced species. Like the eucalyptus, it was at first prey to none of the local parasites, the viruses and sapping diseases which rot and check the spread of native organisms. New beliefs, like new plant species - like start on their enemies. It takes pursuers time to catch up.

ut now the church in Curahuara was disused and locked. Guarding the town on a rock hill behind was another church, stone-hewn, magnificent with its belltower; but abandoned, overgrown by grasses and on the edge of ruin. There is no longer a resident priest. Catholicism in the Andes, now so long established as to be almost indigenous, has generated at last its own predators. Alcoholism, Protestantism (as rampant now in the Andes as the eucalyptus), capitalism, cynicism, weariness and disbelief throttle the state religion like bindweed.

In the dry hills all around Curahuara stood countless chulipas, tomb-houses: mud towers, doorless, windowless and blind, in which the Indians once interred their dead, All have long been ransacked by graverobbers. The religion of the Incas choked itself too. Greed and civil war delivered their empire, paralysed, into Pizarro's lap. Now the Conquis-

tadors' religion was choking in turn. We hitched a ride back to the main road. In a cruel sun the frozen stream was running again, through a dry, red, baking plain. "Ingleses?" said our driver. "La Princesa Diana. Ah. pobrecita! La limpiaron, no?"

Philip Howard



■ Spizzerinctum and other words to get out of a scrape

epentance cometh (to some) on the morning of Some) on the morning of Boxing Day. And a resolution to take things easy until the buzzing in the ears fades. But if you are feeling bad, think of Gunter Burpus of Bremen. In retrospect, I admit that it was unwise to try to gain access to my house by the carflap," said Burpus, a 41-year-old gardener. "I suppose the reason they are called cattlaps rather than human flaps is because they are too small for people. I should have

realised that." Burpus lost the keys to his house and tried to squeeze through the catilap. He pushed his head and shoulders through, but then got stuck and remained so for two days. At first, it seemed rather amusing. I sang songs and told myself jokes. But then I wanted to go to the Iavatory. I began shouting for

help."
After a few hours a group of students came by. They removed his trousers and pants, painted his buttocks blue, and stuck a daffodil between his cheeks. Then they placed a sign beside the Burpus rear end saying Germany resurgent, an essay in street art. Please give generously," and left.

People were passing, but when Herr Burpus cried for help, they just said "Very good! Very clever!" and threw coins in his trousers. After two days framed as conceptual art, he was rescued only because an old woman complained to the police when a dog started licking his private parts. The rescue services cut him free, and the police then arrested him. On his morning after long days stuck tight. Herr Burpus turned over a new leaf: "Luckily the police have now dropped the charges. And I collected more than DM3,000 (£1,000) in my underpants. So the time was not entirely wasted."

MORI VIOLE

What Herr Burpus has is Spizzerinctum. "Spizzer what?" you ask. Spizzerinctum is Amer-ican slang for the will to succeed. come catflaps and hot minestrone, as exemplified by Tony Blair, Richard Branson and Greg Rus-edsdki. It means never giving up. never saying sorry and keeping smiling through the catflan, even on Boxing Day. You can find such topical words on a difficult words Website on the Internet. For example, when the stock market made a dramatic rebound after an equally dramatic decline, the tricky word Website offered: "With remugient defiance, the bull market reappeared Tuesday at least for a day." Three possible definitions are offered for "remugient": re-bellowing, excessively slimy, or echoing loudly. A click of your mouse on "re-bellowing" brings the surfer to a page saying. "That's right!! Nice job!!" The wrong selection brings up "Sorry" or "Nope".

n fact "remugient" is not

difficult for Latin lovers. Mugire means to moo. So remugire means to moo back. See Virgil, passim: "The voice doubled by the echo of the woods moos again." Latin is not just beautiful. It is also useful because it is the root of two thirds of English vocabulary and it forces its user to think of the real meanings without woolly abstractions. So the latest edition of the Vatican's lexicon of new Latin looks into the skeletons of new words for activities that would have been wellknown in Ancient Rome. A stripper is *sui ipsius nudator* somebody who takes the clothes off her/himself. A top model is photogenica puella exemplaris. a photogenic girl model. Cicero might have been nonplussed by mobile phones and jet aircaft, but Latin has ways of naming their functions. And an Ancient Roman would have understood and recognised rock 'n' roll (nutare et volvere, the coarse and violent sikinnis of satyric drama). McDonald's and a hot dog. No, not canis calidus, foolish boy, but pastillum botello fartum.

For our languages and life-styles in Europe descend from our ancestors, not changing as much as we suppose in our age. If only politicians and greedy manufacturers of animal feed had read Aeschylus, we might have avoided the tragedies and wicked waste of BSE. In his lost play, Glaucus the Pontian, (part of the trilogy that won the prize in 427BC), Glaucus, the hero, fed his horses on human flesh in order to make them ferocious for combat. But the gods were angry. So they made the horses run berserk. And they ate Glaucus. In our classics and our catilaps we can find comfort even for Boxing Day.

Rover's return

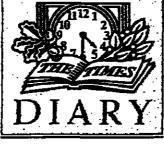
CHRISTMAS has come at last for the Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert: they have been given a Land Rover which was promised to them by the Prince of Wales nearly two years ago. After discussing the matter with his mentor, Sir Laurens van der Post, the Prince pledged early last year that he would give one of the vehicles - robust beasts with sand-adjusted tyres and air-conditioning - to the First People of the Kalahari, an outfit in Botswana. The promise was made in person to John Hardbattle, a Bushman and cattle rancher, who

met the Prince in Scotland. Problem. Both Hardbattle and Sir Laurens died later that year leaving no one to jog the Prince's memory. The weeks passed, the months passed, and still the Bushmen had no Land Rover. The case was taken up by Bushman Roy Sesana, who contacted Buckingham Palace pleading for his motor.

"Sir Laurens dying at the same time as Hardbattle did make things difficult so there was a delay," admits Buck House. "We wanted to get the Bushmen to come to England to collect it but it was too tricky to organise." The vehicle has now just been shipped to Botswana but problems continue. "We had to have it registered in Gaborone then driven to the Bushmen in Ghanzi," says a khaki suit at Survival International. which helped to organise matters.



● POLICE have sent Christmas cards to known criminals. Before punishment enthusiasts grow too steamed up. I should point out that cards bear the greeting: "thinking of you". A blue hat from Ashford police, Kent, reports: "We have an array of tactics to target criminals and this is just another way of letting them know we are watching them." If it persuades the criminal classes to steer clear of nearby Diary Towers, I will be delighted; yet I am uncertain



whether the measure is either tough on crime or tough on the causes of crime.

Tokyo Tess

THOMAS HARDY, the late Wessex scribbler, is being exported to Japan. An ersatz Hardy village - a manor house, half-timbered shops. white horses carved in the hillside. everything really but a gloomy mayor such as Michael Henchard - is to be built on a 24-acre site on the slopes of Mount Rokko. a smartish ski resort. It will be carried out by the Border Oak Company, a modest outlit in Hernfordshire. "The Japanese are fascinated by British heritage," says the com-pany. So it would seem - they already have an "Elizabethan" village and a pristine replica of Stratford-upon-Avon. One visiting

Jap, I hear, tried to buy and take home Leeds Castle.

Writing wrong

CAVORTING in period costumes awaken the literary sensibilities of the British actress Gwyneth Paltrow. Last week found her at a party in Tinseltown, where she decided to introduce her father to Mitch Glazer, the man who scripted Great Expectations. "Dad," she purred. "here's the man who wrote Great Expectations." Glazer, with impressive modesty, gent-



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ly explained that he merely wrote the screenplay.

Speak up

LIMBERING up for his maiden speech in the House of Lords is the Earl of Devon - who first took his seat on March 3, 1938. Seeing as he is now 81 and still to speak, it is thought that he has broken all records. This is a shame. The earl has much to impart. He was mentioned in dispatches in the Second World War and owns one of the nation's oldest living creatures -Timothy the tortoise.

Now 159, Timothy, happily hi-bernating at Powderham Castle, the earl's seat, is also a military hero: she (yes, she) was the lucky mascot of a British man o' war in the Mediterranean. Branded into her shell is the family motto: Where have I fallen, what have I done?" But when will the earl come out of his shell?

Early Orson

A LOST and unknown film by the late - and great - director Orson Welles has been discovered. More than 60 years after it was shot, the short is to come before the public gaze. He made Hearts of Age when just 19, his first cinematic effort.



Welles: back from the grave

The film has been unearthed in Dublin and is to be screened at the National Film Theatre. The director, who was said to have been rather embarrassed by his teenage efforts, declared that it had been lost. This is not the stuff of family viewing. It features Welles and his girlfriend. Virginia Nicholson, who became his first wife, running amok in a graveyard. Welles assumes the role of a shadow, whose dialogue is limited to "The shadow always knows". That, and some rather strange mouning.

JASPER GERARD



HISTORY IS NOW

Fifty years on: the lessons of 1948

"We cannot restore old policies, Or follow an antique drum," wrote the Nobel laureate of 1948, but T. S. Eliot of all poets recognised the debt we owe to the past and the patterns time can weave. "Only through time time is conquered," he wrote in Burnt Norton, the first of his Four Quartets: a sense of tradition's pull, the long shadow cast by our ancestors, inspired his poetry and animated his prose. Eliot is a poet for all seasons but he is pre-eminently the lyricist of the wintry landscape and the interpreter of Christmas's message to the modern age. This Christmas season The Times remembers the old policies and listens to the antique drum of 1948, a year with a claim to be the hinge of this century.

The year in which the century's most influential poet was honoured also saw the wheel of transformation carry to prominence men, places and movements which, 50 years later, have now travelled full circle. In the days ahead we shall reflect on cities, events, inventions and individuals for whom the last fifty years have proved a particular lifespan. In their beginning was their end.

Reflecting on the beginning of that year. the horizon towards which many then peered was further behind them. It was 1848. the Year of Revolutions, which caught imaginations. It was the year when the hopes of change briefly flared on the Continent before old dynasties extinguished them. The struggles of 1848 inspired England's 1948 romantics. At The Times the mood was less sanguine. On January 3, 1948 we reprinted the new year comment of 100 years before: "Irish famine, failure of the potato crop. a severe financial crisis, and reckless speculation are items in the catalogue of melancholy." There was irony in the choice. The United Kingdom in 1948 was a country where food was ever-more tightly rationed. Chancellors battled to keep the pound steady and exchange controls had recently been introduced.

But there was hope too. The Attlee Government was in the middle of a transformation of society, building a new

Britain on the back of a landslide. The most sweeping of that Government's changes came in 1948. The National Health Service was established, the railways nationalised, the decisive break with our former allies in Moscow made and the Palestine mandate brought to an end: this was the year of the establishment of the state of Israel, a nation born in conflict, sustained by arms.

Fifty years on the wheel has turned full circle. A Labour Government relies on private finance as it ambitiously modernises Nye Bevan's health service and contemplates the overhaul of the whole welfare state. The new Labour Government is pledged not only to abjure state ownership but is preparing for future privatisation of the State's assets. Berlin, the cockpit of the Cold War, is to become the capital of a new Germany in a new Europe with very different barriers. Israel, although the process of peacemaking is fraught, is safer now than at any time: serious diplomatic observers speculate that there will never be another war in that part of the Middle East.

Some of Britain's contours would be familiar to a traveller from 1948. The Government still restricts the sale of food, although for very different reasons. The Times still warns the Government, as a candid friend, against too crude an intervention in the labour market or too insensitive an intrusion into the green belt. In the editorials of 1948 it was the direction of labour and the construction of new towns, now it is the minimum wage and the development of new housing estates. The recurrence of the itch to intervene and the happy role of this newspaper in standing for liberty and tolerance of traditional life are reminders of the lessons history can teach us. Any year might yield similar lessons. But 1948, with its spate of births whose lives can now be safely judged, yields more than most. It was a watershed whose rivers have run their course and as we reflect, like Eliot, on "what might have been and what has been" we can better prepare for the

millennium which fast approaches.

WON LAST CHANCE

The IMF has acted decisively — South Korea must do the same

It has not been a comfortable Christmas in East Asia. The economic calamity that has engulfed the region in recent weeks does not and disastrous their plight really is. Honesty rest for the Christian festive season. The International Monetary Fund announced on advance its assistance. Wednesday that it would intensify and accelerate its assistance to South Korea - a country that started 1997 as a financial powerhouse but seemed destined to end it in a state of slump. Some \$10 billion will now be rushed to Seoul to cover the immediate difficulties of debt repayment. As a result. South Korea's currency, the won, has at last shown some stirring of recovery. Sentiments in the local stock market, however, remain exceptionally sombre.

The IMF has moved with admirable vigour. International financial institutions are often criticised, correctly, for bureaucratic inertia. In this case, despite little time in which to make even a provisional evaluation, caution has, rightly, been abandoned. The crisis in Asia has the potential to create a worldwide recession on a scale scarcely seen in the postwar era. The IMF's bold decision should enhance economic stability in the short term and thus avert severe financial meltdown in 1998.

The IMF would have acted sooner were it not for the complexities of South Korean politics. The outgoing, and utterly discredited Government, chose to ignore the warning signs of the coming collapse. There is also considerable suspicion that it actively suppressed such information in the hope of shoring up electoral support. That would certainly fit a far broader pattern of corruption. The election of Kim Dae Jung puts paid to those ambitions. Only in the

past week since the presidency was settled have South Koreans discovered how deep was the essential precondition for the IMF to

The Government has now promised dramatic reforms of its own in return for the bailout. These measures will centre on the complete restructuring of the country's financial system and the widespread introduction of market forces into areas from which they had been excluded. There is now an indication that direct action will be taken to deal with a bankrupt banking network. South Korea will have to go further and faster still if it is truly to tackle its economic crisis. That these initiatives should be accepted by a President-elect associated with the Left is Nonetheless, it may be that in these circumstances only a man from the Left can salvage South Korean capitalism.

It is absolutely crucial that the measures promised are quickly implemented. Strictly speaking it will be another two months before Kim Dae Jung takes office. He has been behaving this week as if he has already assumed power. His country would have collapsed if he had not. The outgoing administration must continue to allow him such leeway. If radical reform is not coherently pursued then it will be extremely difficult for ministers in countries such as Britain to defend, let alone extend, their aid to Seoul. The IMF will be intimately involved in South Korean affairs for months if not years, to come. It must have complete confidence in this set of politicians. Outside funding cannot continue indefinitely. South Korea will not have another chance.

A MORE MODERN MONARCH

Her Majesty moves sensitively with the times

In her Christmas broadcast the Queen wrought a tapestry of "joy and woe... woven fine". A year in the nation's life which saw an upsurge of hope and a pitch into despair was reflected in the experience of the nation's first family, whose private tragedy became the country's. Yet although the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was the year's defining moment and one which precipitated a difficult period for her, the Queen has also had causes for consolation, indeed celebration, to reflect in her address. Balancing the recognition of loss with the cause for cheer is the task any reviewer of this year of extremes must face and Her Majesty did so in appropriate fashion, by dwelling first and most poignantly on grief before giving thanks for

blessings and giving voice to hope. The nature of yesterday's broadcast, the first produced by Independent Television News after the termination of the BBC's traditional monopoly, marked another stage in the sensitive modernisation of the monarchy. The producers created an altogther more accessible package by skilfully blending moving documentary footage of the Princess of Wales's funeral with more cheering actuality from the Commonwealth conference and Her Majesty's golden wedding, all interwoven with the traditional address to camera. The tone of the broadcast bespoke a restoration in monarchical confidence after a sad year. The recovery in public esteem which the

monarchy enjoys after the anguished September days was most strikingly under-lined by the results of our MORI poll on Christmas Eve which saw the Prince of Wales restored to widespread popularity and republicanism once more the cause of a receding minority.

The strength of public support and affection for the Royal Family was, in any case, powerfully visible last month in the reaction to the Queen and Prince Philip's golden wedding celebrations. The graceful manner in which the occasion was marked. the sense of domestic solidity and, in particular, the self-deprecatory humour of both Queen and Duke in public speeches entrenched public loyalties. In her comments on another Union, that between the nations of this kingdom, Her Majesty affirmed, as is her right, the hope that devolution would prove that diversity and unity are complementary and not conflicting. The monarchy, and the Union, are both more adaptable than their critics hope and yesterday's broadcast will have underlined how resilient both institutions remain to the changing currents of time and chance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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health priorities

From Professor K. G. M. M. Alberti and Professor M. H. Lessof

Sir, The White Paper on The New NHS (report, December 10; letters, December 17) is very welcome but has understated the difficulties which the health service now faces.

There is no longer any country in the world, however rich, which can afford to provide all its citizens with access to the increasing range of services, medical procedures and drugs which are becoming available. For that reason priorities must be chosen, but the White Paper gives no guidance on the way in which these choices are to be made.

What is needed is a more focused discussion on the ethical principles and the criteria which will, for example, help the new primary care consortia to determine their priorities in an equitable fashion. There also needs to be an increase in public discussion, understanding and acceptance of the fact that the NHS cannot meet all expectations.

The Royal College of Physicians has proposed that the Government should support the establishment of an independent council for health care priorities to advise on these issues. With the new developments that are proposed in the White Paper, it would be a pity if this opportunity were to be missed.

Yours faithfully, K. G. M. M. ALBERTI MAURICE LESSOF (Chairman, Working Party on Health Care Priorities), Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, NWI 4LE. December 22.

Westminster ruling

From Mr C. J. Macdonald-Brown

Sir, The Westminster "homes for votes" scandal was one which by its very nature involved dishonesty, cynical manipulation and sleaze on a level not seen for a long time.

I suppose it must have been obvious to all involved that Dame Shirley Porter might, because of the way her financial affairs are organised, be able to avoid paying any surcharge. Your report (December 20) that she might escape having to pay more than a fraction was therefore no surprise.

I do not know what powers the district auditor had, but it is worth noting that for over 20 years the English courts, in civil proceedings. orders to stop this sort of situation

We appear to be left in this case, after a seven-year inquiry costing some £3 million, with a court ruling which may be worth little more than the paper it is written on. I hope I am

Yours faithfully CHARTERS MACDONALD-BROWN, Gouldens (solicitors), 22 Tudor Street, EC4Y OJJ.

From Mr G. M. Beresford Hartwell Sir. Political memories are surprisingly short, and sauce for the goose ought to be sauce for the gander. In

Westminster, council homes were sold in the hope of creating or preserving a majority. Isn't that precisely why many council houses were built in the first place?

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Hidden pockets

From Mr Chris Maund

Sir, I understand the praise for the girls of Tiffin Girls' School for their initiative in marketing knickers with pockets (report, December II; letter, December 18), but I am concerned about the use to which these garments may be put by some clubgoers.

The police and door security have

recently been working together to keep illegal substances out of clubs a difficult enough task as it is, and one these garments will make impossible. providing the perfect hiding place. It is illegal for door security to check the undergarments of anyone entering a club. Anyone wearing these garments knows full well they can put whatever they like into these pockets. and that they cannot be searched. This makes a mockery of the work of the

Yours sincerely. CHRIS MAUND, 45 Hainault Street, London SE9 2EF. chris.maund@gecm.com

Catt and mouse From Dr J. Caroe

police and door security.

Sir, What a delightful present Mrs Catt gave us (letter, 'Stocking fillers') on Christmas Eve. She quotes the mouse poem, " Twas the night before Christmas ... ", thus neatly providing the answers to five clues in today's Times Two crossword. Thank you!

Yours etc. JOHN CAROE. 20 Prideaux Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN2i 2NB. caroe@btinternet.com December 24.

Call for council on Sexist taunting in the Commons

From the Director of the Fawcett Society

Sir. The criticism by some Tory women MPs that those of their Labour counterparts who complain about sexism in the Commons are "naive, spoilt and oversensitive" (report. December 13) is misguided. It is not that these women cannot cope with sexist taunting, rather that they should not have to.

The public-schoolboy culture of UK politics, with its pointless rituals and hildish insults, is disliked by women from all parties. For too long women MPs complained privately, but felt that they had to "put up and shut up" in order to prove that they were as tough as the men. Under the playground rules which still govern the behaviour of many MPs the correct response to a bully is to stay quiet, or hit back (letter, December 19).

The dramatic increase in the number of Labour women MPs seems to have given them a confidence to chal-

lenge these assumptions. Rather than feeling they have to show how wellthey can fit in with the "yah boo" culture, they are questioning whether our democracy might be a bit more healthy if our MPs were required to conform to normal standards of workplace behaviour.

It is unfortunate that some Conservative women still believe that they have to demonstrate how tough they are by claiming that they can cope with the taunts and insults. Challenging the acceptability of this behaviour is a far tougher task.

However, Conservative women will eventually have to face up to the sexism in their own party if they are going to increase their numbers.

Yours sincerely, SHELAGH DIPLOCK. Director, The Fawcett Society.

Fifth Floor, 45 Beech Street, EC2Y 8AD. December 19.

Assessing impact of climate change

From Sir John Houghton, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

Sir, Dr Wilfred Beckerman ("Warming to global change", article, De-cember II; see also letters, December 15) mentions certain benefits of climate change while ignoring its main

These are likely to include a rise in sea level (causing substantial problems in many coastal regions and displacing tens of millions of people) and changes in the hydrological cycle (leading to more frequent and more intense droughts and floods).

Dr Beckerman also ignores economic studies which indicate that the likely cost to the world of damage from climate change and adaptation to it is substantially greater than the cost of sensibly organised programmes of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. His selective arguments fail to

do justice to the complexity of the climate change issue.

The Kyoto agreement is much more than the "mouse" Beckerman suggests: to have an agreement at all over an issue with such major global impli-cations is a real achievement. It is a beginning, not an end.

in seeing the challenge of climate change more as an opportunity than a threat, and in forging an appropriate partnership with industry, the UK Government is demonstrating an elfective way forward, based on honest, balanced and thorough appraisals of the science, technology, economics and equity considerations involved.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HOUGHTON, Chairman, Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. Church House, Great Smith Street, SWIP 3BZ. December 22.

Millennium matters

From Mr Richard Weston

Sir, Simon Jenkins mounts a predictably spirited defence of the New Millennium Experience (There's nothing to hide", December 20), but does little to allay my doubts about the

The 1851 and 1951 exhibitions wer certainly designed at short notice, but their aims were clear: the former to celebrate Britain's commercial might (and outdo the French), the latter to raise spirits and introduce a modern lifestyle after years of war, rationing and "Utility" goods.

The Crystal Palace was a compelling demonstration of industrialised building and helped usher in a new vision of space; the vast marquee at Greenwich is a technological tour de force, but will barely merit a footnote in architectural history.

"Hundreds of Britain's young de-signers" entrusted with an exhibition budget of hundreds of millions certainly ought to produce something sensational, but the fear remains that it will be no more than that. Great exhibitions, like great works of art, are driven by clear ideas, not sensational packaging of themes which, from what we have been told so far, a focus group of ten-year-olds could have put together in an afternoon.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WESTON, 57 Lamborne Road, Leicester LE2 6HQ. December 20.

From Professor D. Robertson Smith

Sir, According to an astronomer (report, December 22) we are now in the year 2009. Can we now forget the Millennium Dome?

Yours faithfully, D. ROBERTSON SMITH, l Bishop's Wood. Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire OX44 9HA.

From Mr C. A. Beaton

Sir, Has Professor Giovanni Baratta found an answer to the millennium time-bomb?

Yours faithfully, CALLUM BEATON, La Fosse de Bas, St Martin's, Guernsey GY4 6EQ. callumabeaton@psionworld.net December 22.

Keeping in touch

From the Very Reverend Dr John Southgate

Sir, More useful than a mobile telephone, for those lost on moor or mountain (letters, December 12 and 15), and about the same size, would be a Magellan GPS (global positioning system) navigating device, such as the one I use, costing under £200.

Those who wander in isolated places would readily know where they were and which way to travel, and they would not need to be rescued. They would have no line rental or call charges to pay - all they need is a few

In such circumstances lost souls can look to the heavens for guidance and direction to back up their prayers for survival

Yours sincerely, JOHN SOUTHGATE. 39 Churchfields, Hethersett Norwich, Norfolk NR9 3PH.

Advertising ban

From Ms Jayati Srivastava Sir. The decision of the Broadcast

Advertising Clearance Centre to ban two television advertisements by Christian Aid as "political" is deplorable freport. December 15). The purpose of the campaign, of

which these advertisements are part, is simply to highlight the mayhem caused by Third World debt which causes extreme suffering to millions of people, particularly children, in the poorer countries. To ban them is a denial of the right to be heard by the thousands of innocent and vulnerable victims who are suffering in silence. It appears to me that it is the BAAC

decision which is political, not the Yours sincerely.

JAYATI SRIVASTAVA. 2 Nansen Village. 21 Woodside Avenue. London NI28AQ. December 17.

From Mr Andrew Ivey

Sir. Mr David Oldbury (letter, December 15) says that the wilder the country, the slimmer the chances are that his mobile phone will work. He is probably referring to the widely used

cellular phone. Equipped with an albeit more costly (from £3,000) Inmarsat portable satellite phone, Mr Oldbury, or any other school party leader, could make calls from anywhere in the United Kingdom.

This service simply requires a clear sight of the sky for calls to be made to any country from 98 per cent of the world's land mass, including the most remote locations such as deserts and

Yours faithfully, ANDREW IVEY (Marketing manager). inmarsat. 99 City Road, ECIY IAX. andrew—ivey@inmarsat.org
December 16.

On a rising note

From Mr Royer Slater

Sir. I notice an increasing tendency for people to raise the pitch of their voices at the end of statements of fact, as though asking a question. Rarely encountered a couple of years ago, incidences have increased and the majority of my business telephone callers even introduce themselves and their companies with this inflection, as though appealing to me for corroboration.

Does this indicate an increasing lack of confidence to affirm?

I am, certainly, yours faithfully. ROYER SLATER. 79 Hermitage Woods Crescent, Woking, Surrey GU21 1UF, December 23.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

Is this the final Boxing Day hunt?

From the Archbishop of Wales and others

Sir, Friday is St Stephen's Day, when by tradition the Church recalls the death of the first Christian martyr. It is also the busiest day of the year for hunting with hounds. Approximately 300 hunts will take place on Friday. Without intervention, by this time next year between 15,000 and 20,000 more foxes will have been killed by

As Christians we believe that how we treat the rest of Creation is every bit as much a question of morality as unemployment or homelessness. We also remember the example of the 8thcentury French bishop, St Hubert. who was promoted by his Christian vocation to renounce deerhunting as a

We welcome the Boxing Day publication of A Christian Case Against Hunting by the Christian Socialist Movement, which represents an important contribution to this

ethical debate. We recognise that the Government has many pressing issues to deal with; but we hope and pray that time will be found for legislation to ensure that this will be the last Boxing Day when the savage and terrifying death of an animal is treated as a sport.

Yours faithfully, TALWYN CAMBRENSIS. **TOLU ABIOLA.** TJOHN AUSTIN BAKER. MAXWELL CRAIG. TRICHARD DOVER, tcolin hulme, **†DOMINIC READING, †MICHAEL ROFFEN,** DONALD SOPER. c/o Christian Socialist Movement. Bradley Close, White Lion Street, NI. December 23.

From Bishop Hugh Montefiore

Sir. I was saddened to be asked by some of my fellow Christians to add my name to a letter to you as publicly joining part of the movement to stop

foxhunting. I have not done so.
I should have thought that, on any showing, we have a prior duty to prevent stress and suffering by domesticated rather than wild animals, since wild species in the course of nature have been subject to predation, while domesticated species

have not So I would pay more attention to the predominantly urban abolitionists of foxhunting if they gave priority in their publicity to the stress suffered by millions of hens in batteries rather than the comparatively few foxes in

the hunting field. But then, battery hens are shielded from the public gaze; and, what is more, they provide urban multitudes with cheap eggs and poultry, while foxes do not. And what about the countless turkeys consumed over

Christmas? Yours faithfully, **thugh montefiore**, White Lodge, 23 Bellevue Road, Wandsworth Common, SW17 7EB. December 23.

Reindeer recruit

From Mrs Joanna Haines

Sir. At least Rudolph can be proud of his name (letters, December 17, 23). For years Donner flew noisily with his flashy partner, Blitzen. However, modern editions of Clement C. Moore's poem have turned him into Donder — a reindeer once full of sound and fury, now signifying nothing. Who better to provide space to restore Donner's dignity than The Thunderer?

Yours faithfully, JOANNA HAÍNES, 74 Gordon Road, W5 2AR. December 23.

Hard cases

From Mr John Griffiths

Sir. Your headline today, "GP code reveals hard cases", reminds me of our family doctor in the 1930s. Like many doctors then, he ran his own dispensary which made up his own prescriptions. One of these, for hypochondriacs, was simply "ADT".

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Any Damn Thing usually consisted of water, peppermint. Epsom salts and colouring.

Yours faithfully, JOHN GRIFFTIMS, 28 Palace Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 9DL.

December 20. From the Reverend Julian Hardyman Sir, At the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham, the code NBFI occa-

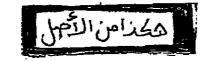
sionally appears on patient notes. It

communicates clandestinely that the patient is "Not Bad For likeston". JULIAN HARDYMAN, 96 Arbury Road, Cambridge CB4 2JF.

jhardyman@ibm.net

From Dr R. L. Marshall Sir, Though not of the profession, I did hear from a doctor in medicine of an entry of considerable though covert honesty: GOK - God Only Knows.

Yours faithfully, R. L. MARSHALL, Holly Cottage, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire LE12 8RN. December 20.





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM NORFOLK December 25: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Prince of Wales is to visit Sri Lanka in February for the country's 50th anniversary in-dependence celebrations. He will also visit Nepal and Bhutan early in the same month.

The official visit to Sri Lanka is going ahead despite continued fighting in parts of the island between security forces and the Tamil Tigers. On October 15, a bomb left in a truck exploded next to a hotel in the Sri Lankan capital. Colombo, killing at least 16

people and injuring more than 150. Current Foreign Office advice to travellers is to "minimise" time spent in the city as "further incidents cannot be ruled out". Visitors are also advised not to visit the north and east of the country.

Birthdays today

Professor D.H. Barlow, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 48; Captain George W. Burnet, Lord-Lieutenant of Midlothian. 70; Professor Sir Colin Campbell, Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham University, 53; Sir Alastair Dunnett, former chairman. Thomson Scottish Petroleum, 89: Sir Christopher Hewetson, former President, Law Society, 68; Mr Rohan Kanhai, former cricketer, 62; Mr Eric Kinder, former chairman, Smith and Nephew, 70; Professor Thea King, clarinettist, 72; Miss Jane Lapotaire, actress, 53; Mr Dermot Murnaghan, broadcaster, 38; Mr David Perry, former chairman, John Waddington, 60; Mr Denis Quilley, actor, 70: Miss Anna Scher, founder, Anna Scher Theatre, 53.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Gray, poet, London, 1716; Lord George Gordon, Protestant agitator, London, 1751; Charles Babbage, pioneer of calculating machines, Totnes, 1792; Dion Boucicault, actor and dramatist, Dublin, 1822; Henry Miller, novelist, New York, 1891; Mao Zedong, Chairman of the People's Republic of China 1949-59, Shaoshan, Hunan province, 1893; Victor Hely-Hutchinson, composer, Cape Town, 1901.

DEATHS: Claude Helvetius, philosopher, Voré, 1771; John Fothergill, physician, London, 1780; John Wilkes, political reformer, London, 1797; Heinrich Schliemann, archaeologist, Naples, 1890; Roger Keyes, Baron Keyes, Admiral of the Fleet, Buckingham, 1945; James Stephens, novelist and poet, London, 1950; Harry S. Truman, 33rd American President 1945-53, Kansas City, 1972; Sir Lennox Berke-

ley, composer, 1989. Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radium while experi-menting with pitchblende,

The German battleship Scharnhorst was sunk by the Royal Navy, 1943.

Appointment

The Rev Dr Chris Wiggles-worth, general secretary of the Board of World Mission of the Church of Scotland, who retires at the end of April, 1998, has been appointed Principal of St Andrew's Hall, Selly Oak, Birmingham, from May.

Churchill's railway carriage and Queen Mother's coach to go on show

£4m plan to extend railway museum

By PAUL WILKINSON

THE only private rail coach ever to be used by a Prime Minister for trips around the country is to become the centrepiece of a new £4 mil-tion extension of the National Railway Museum.

On show with it when the new wing opens will be two coaches from the Royal Train, used during the war by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Work on the wing will start

in the new year with the aid of a E2 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and it should open during the summer of 1999.

The carriage was part of George VI's Royal Train and was given to Winston Chur-chill by the monarch for his own use during the Second

Richard Gibbon, a senior engineer at the museum in York, said: "It was a mark of the esteem in which the King held the Prime Minister. No other Prime Minister, before or since, has had the use of such a private coach. King George obviously knew the morale-boosting effect of Winston Churchill turning up on

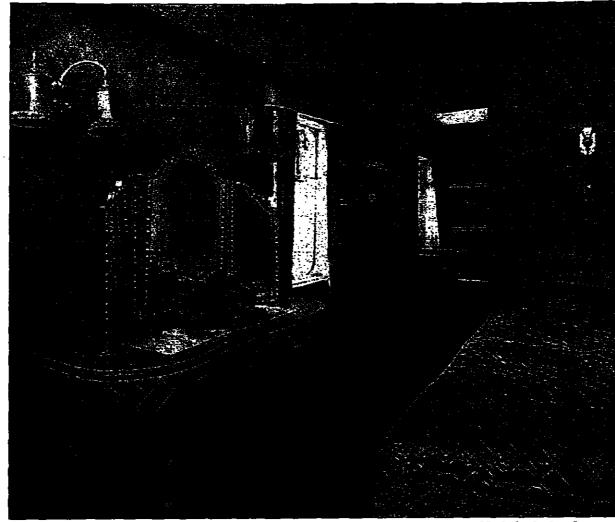
However Andrew Scott, the head of the museum, recalls one occasion when his visit in the carriage almost had the

opposite effect. He said: "The Prime Minister travelled overnight from London by rail for an early morning visit to Coventry after it had suffered yet another devastating attack by Nazi bombers. But his train arrived in the city before the Great Man had finished his breakfast. He insisted on completing his meal and ordered the train to half outside the station until he had consumed his last slice of

"While the civic dignitaries who had turned out to welcome Winnie tapped their feet on the platform, other traffic into the mainline station backed up along the track behind the Prime Minister's

"His driver protested, but was told not to move and Mr Churchill's personal bodycomplied. One report suggested a trial of strength between the two with the security man clinging tightly to the brake as the driver tried to edge his train into the station. Eventually breakfast was concluded and the visit continued without further problems."

The carriage was built in 1920 for the chairman of the



The Queen Mother's bedroom in the railway carriage in which she travelled around Britain duting the war



Plain on the outside but luxurious within — the coach given to Churchill by King George VI

London and North-Western Railway, but within three years the company had amalmated with three others to form the London Midland and Scottish and the luxurious coach became surplus to requirements. Such was its high quality and level of comfort that it was included in the fleet of rolling stock from which the Royal Train was drawn.

Some 60ft long, the saloon guard was sent on to the is in three sections: at one end footplate to ensure that he is a glass-windowed lounge with sofas, armchairs and occasional tables and at the other is a windowless, woodpanelled boardroom with a conference table and eight seats. The central section contains a single bedroom. kitchen and bathroom with a cubicle for a personal

attendant. Churchill had the coach fitted with a radio link so that he could still direct the war effort while he was away from Whitehall on morale boosting visits around Brit-

After the war the carriage returned to the Royal Household and later had a new chassis and bogies fitted to allow it to travel at the faster speeds of modern trains. It remained in service with the Oueen until about ten vears ago and has been in store

since then. The gallery will be built on the site of an original locomotive repair yard and the museum plans to reopen part of the maintenance area with a viewing gallery so that visitors can see restoration work in progress.

The wing will also include some unusual memorabilia including a company coat of in a sailing ship wreck off the



The old motive power depot at York, the site of the planned extension to the rail museum

arms from the King's Cross to Edinburgh night express which was derailed on September 10, 1906, after mysteriously racing through a scheduled stop at Grantham, killing 14 including the twoman crew. In spite of an exhaustive Board of Trade

ration no explanation for the crash was ever found. Also on show will be a cutaway model of an 1890s passenger coach which was built specially as a defence exhibit in a murder trial to show that the accused could not possibly have fired the

fatal shot. The displays will also inciude parts from an early locomotive lost 150 years ago

Western Isles. It was being transported across the Atlantic from its Glasgow builders to the rail network of Nova Scotia but the vessel foundered in a storm.

Michael Bailey, a diving enthusiast, discovered the wreck by accident ten years o. He bas brow pieces to the surface and continues to search for more. It was so well preserved that screwholes were still filled with their original tallow

Mr Scott said: "We have great plans for the new wing and see it becoming an exciting place for a wide spectrum of visitors from families and schools to railway enthusiasts and social historians."

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negotiate with Scottish Natu-

ral Heritage before disturbing

University news

Oxford Jesus College Prizes and awards

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(Mathematics), Mary McCrindle (Manananaus), water week (Muman Sciences), Jenny McCullough (English), Joseph Moorhouse (Physics), Harry Morrison (Modern History), Edward Rackham (Chemistry), Christian Shirge (Human Sciences), Samuel Thomson (Modern Languages), David Tiltman (Modern History), Richard Winslade (Physics). All the above have been awarded a College Prize of £75 in books. College peizes for the award of a

Callege prizes for the award of a university prize to:
Hon Wai Lam, Gibbs Prize in Chemistry: Christopher Seward, Gibbs Book Prize; Annabel Todd, Thesis Prize in Chemistry; Hon Wai Lam, Unilever Physical Chemistry Practical Prize, 1996-97; Clemistry Practical Prize, 1996-97; Clemistry Practical Prize, 1996-97; Chemstry Practical Prize, 1996-17; Glen O'Hara, Gladstone Me-morial Essay Prize, 1996; Katrina Smith, Renwick Vickers Dermatol-ogy Prize, 1996 (joint award); Asheesh Sharma, Martin Wronker Prize in Pharmacology,

College prizes have been awarded to the following students: J N L Baker Prize in Geography iointly to Claire Gifford and Siwan

Davies; Bleackley Prize in Modern Languages, Nathanael Wei; Bow-ers Award, Peter Chew; Marion Bradley-Prize in Physics, jointly to Robert Hinch and Daniel Jeans; Davies Prize (for best performance in a Final Honour School), Jonathan Leather, Lawrence Moon, Annabel Todd: Anthony Fletcher Annabel Todd: Anthony Fletcher Awards, Emma Vardy, Aldo Guiducci, Cameron Mabon, An-drew Jones, Edward Carlin, Taina Galis; Dehqani-Tafti Prize, jointly to Mui-Jun Poh and Michael Beadle; Dehqani-Tafti Travel Scholarship, Cameron Mabon, Genner Prize in Classics, Jenny Burgesse: Green Studentships. Burgess; Green Studentships, Robert Crow, Oliver Gadney, Helen Mills, Victoria Vasey, Madelaine Watson; E C Hart, Andrew Jones, Stuart Cowley; Maddison Prize in Modern Lang Maddison Prize in Modern Lang uages, Guy Weston-Smith; Paget Awards, jointly to Siwan Davies and Claire Gifford and Sarah Lee: D G Ritchie Prize in PPE, Samantha Salvia; Junior Vaughan Prize in Mathematics, Gareth Smith: Welson Prize in Law, Nicholas Scola; C F Williamson Prize in English, Jago Russell; Woodward Prizes in Chemistry.

Samuel Adlen (Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire), Katharine Gooding (Sharnbrook Upper School, Bedford), Claire Hamilton (Wallace High School, Co Antrim), Cheun Ho (National Junior College, Singaporel, Dzinja Ingo Mittendorf, MA, Philipps Kabambe (Westcliff High School, Universität, Marburg, Germany.

Westcliff-on-Sea, Esset), Arnanda King (Ranelagh School, Bracknell, Berkshire), Sarah Langtord (Sur-ton High School, Surrey), Mary McCrindle (Chelmsford County High School), Jenny McCullough (Sullivan Uper School, Co Down), Joseph Moorbouse (Barnard Cas-the School Co Downan), Owain te School, Co Durham). Owain
Morgan (Lancaster Royal Grammar School), Harry Morrisson
(Norwich School), Edward Rackham (Barton Peveril College,
Hampshire), Rachel Sheffrin
(Newstrad Wood School, Orpington, Kent), Christina Sturge (The Mount, School, York), Mui-Jun Mount, School, Yorki, Mui-Jun Tan (Hwa Chong Junior College, Singapore), Samuel Thomson (Millfield School, Somerset), David Tiltman (Manchester Grammar School), Andrew Ward (St Bede's College, Manchester), Kathleen Weeks (The Ecclesbourne School, Duffield), Nathanael Wei (Sir Frank Markham Community School, Milton Keynes (for 1998-99), Richard Winslade (Norwich School).

To a Meyricke Scholarship: Christine Ashton (Haberdasi Monmouth School for Girls, Gwent), Johanna Waters (Gorseinon College, Swansea). To a Dehçani-Tafti Memorial

Mui-Jun Tan (Hwa Chong Junior College, Singapore) To an Organ Scholarship: Alexander Flood (Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Bucks).

To Exhibitions: Mark Bass (Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Bucks), Terence Bennett (The Gryphon School, Dorset), Samuel Cumpsty (Altrincham Boys Grammar School, Cheshire). Aldo Guiducci (Bournemouth School), Naomi Ling (Sutton High School, Sutton, Surrey), Catherine Milledge (Haberdasbers' Mon-mouth School for Girls).

To a Meyricke Exhibition Timothy Bennett (Monmouth School, Gwent), David Cowhig (St Albans RC High School, Gwent), Leah Griffiths (Neath College, West Glamorgan), Alan Moss (Bishop Gore School, Swansea (for 1998-99)

To Old Members' Exhibiti Alexandra Ashton (Bolton Sixth Form Centre), Simon Joyce (Paole Grammar School, Dorset). To an Artenga Exhibition in

Samuel Thomson (Millfield School, Somerset). To Graduate Scholarships Emma Despland, MSc. Laval University, Canada; Daniel Hullah, BA; Daniel Kapitan, BA; Andrew May, BA: Andrew Smith

To the Old Members' Graduate Scholarship: Charalambos Neophytou, BA. To the East European Graduate Daniel Smilov, MA, University of

Queen's University of Belfast

wide range of sources, including the Department of Economic Development's Industrial Research and Technology Unit, industry, charities, research councils and the European Union.

The funding is for studies across the university's disciplines, from science, engineering and medicine to agriculture, the humanities, law and education. Grams were also awarded to the university's institutes of Criminology and Criminal Justice, European Studies. Irish Studies, and Telemedicine

and Telecare. More than El million was awarded to the School of Clinical Medicine for a range of projects, including research on bronchitis, cardiovascular disease, leukaemia,

multiple scierosis, schizophrenia and cancer. The university's Schools of Agri-culture and Food Science, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Mathematics and Physics were also awarded substantial grants, receiving E748,780, E731,436 and E719,453

included research on public opin-ion and the Northern Ireland talks by Dr Colin Irwin of the univer-sity's institute of Irish Studies, who

The university has won funding of more than £5.6 million, from a Rowntree Trust.

To the Chair of Haematology: Dr Terence Lappin, formerly an Honorary Reader in Haematology

at Oueen's To the Chair of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery:
Dr David Marsh, formerly a
Senior Lecturer in Orthopaedic
Surgery at Manchester University

Conferment of Honorary Titles Honorary Professor in the School of Clinical Dentistry: Professor William Douglas, Acadernic Director of the Minnesota Dental Research Centre for Biomaterials and Biomechanics

Honorary Lecturer in the School of Pharmacy: Dr Claire Anne Gilligan, Director of Pharmaceutical Development, Galen Holdings;

Dr Michael Mawhinney, Pharmacy Inspector, Department of Health: and Dr Clare Passmore, Director of Scientific Affairs, Galen Holdings.

Membership of senate Belfast Cay Council has nomi-nated Councillor Michael McGimpsey to membership of the

Latest wills

Hyman Fine, of London N2, left estate valued at £7,849,661 net. Derek Leslie Smith. of Sowerby Bridge. West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £2,375,994 net. Marion Hope Rattey, of Dunkeswell, Honiton, Devon, left state valued at 12,860,342 net.
She left 120,000 each to St Paul's Church, Honkton, the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family. Honkton, Save the Children Fund, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Devon Trust for Nature Conservation, National Association of Youth Clubs, Mencap, Frends of National Libraries, Multiple Scierosis Society Devon Girl Guides Association. Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Children's Homen Rational Society for Cancer Relief, Heien House Children's Holiday Fund, Shafterbury Society, RSPS, National Trust, Barnardo's, National Ilbrary for the Bilnd, RNL, RAF Benevolent Association, Princes Margaret House Rodens, Princes and CPRES 115,000 to the Girl Guides Association: £10,000 each to estate valued at E2.866.342 net.

Torquay Division Girl Guides. Devon Boy Scouts and Honiton Division of the Girl Guides, Share in her residuary estate to the National Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Children's Hospice South West at Barnstaple. Robert Murray, retired solicitor, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £761,014 net. Rosemary Kate Thompson, of Lewes, East Sussex, left estate valued at ES18,492 net. Eric James Newgas, of Brighton, East Sussex, left estate valued at

£902_332 net Harold Francis Archer, of Egham, Surrey. left estate valued at £542,909 net. Decia Jean Crawford, of Hampton, Middlesex, left estate valued at E738,362 net. Arthur Edward Burree, of Taunton, Somerset, left estate valued at £903,954 net. Nesting puffins tunnel into history BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

NATURE and culture have come into conflict on Fair Isle, where ouffins are threatening an Iron Age fort. Their nesting tunnels are reaching deep into the stratified layers of the fort's history, scrambling the

message of the past.

The Landberg fort, on a promontory overlooking Fair Ísle's harbour, has a complex set of defences dating from the last few centuries BC, with multiple ditches and ramparts defending the inhabitants against any aggressor bold Puffins are protected by law, enough to journey from and Landberg is also a site of

Orkney or Shetland, or from further afield on the Scottish or Scandinavian mainlands. There may also have been a blockhouse behind the

rampart. The puffins, who occupy empty rabbit burrows when they can, and otherwise dig their own, are making a mess of the hitherto well-preserved remains. "Most people are aware of the damage that rabbits can do to archaeological sites, but some may not know that pullins also dig nest tunnels for themselves," said

Puffins are protected by law,

them. "Fortunately, only a few pairs of the 30,000 resident puffins had to be excluded: the holes were blocked in the spring before they arrived". The burrows reach down at least a metre, and Professor John Hunter of Birmingham University has carried out rescue excavations before the site is left to the birds. The

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most surprising discovery was a rock-cut, paved subterra-nean chamber: such cham-bers may have been cool storage for food or used as boltholes in time of danger. Dr Noel Fojut of Historic

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I wait for the Lord with long-ing: I put my hope in his word. My soul waits for the Lord more eagedy than watchmen for the morning. Panhs 130: 5,6 FOR SALE FLIGHTS ANNOUNCEMENTS LEGAL NOTICES DEATHS DIRECTORY CRANSTONE - Isabel May, widow of Bayen, sister of Andrey, Joan and Hugh and anuch loved mother of David, peacefully in Sobel House on 22nd December 1997 LYME - Air Vice Marshal Michael Dillon, CS, AFC, Dt., on 21st December, after a short Miness. Deeply loved and missed, by Joy and his children, grandchildrens and Euloszernes UK LINUTED Federal Fumber 1257722 OSTCHTTERS on Highes & hole to Europe, USA & most deptima-tions. Diploment Thered Services Lets 0271-790 2201. ABTA 28703 (ATA/ASTOL 1288. CHILDREN ON DIALYSIS short Eliness. Deeply loved and missed by Joy and his children, guandchildren and family. Fonaral at Coleby Parish Church, Lines. at I line on Wednesday 31st December. Memorial Service at a later data. Donations perferred to EAF Reservolust Prom. Enguishes to Priestley and Cockert, 64 Boultham Park Road, Lincoln. Teli (01522) 520606. need our love and practical support not just today but everyday.

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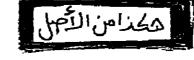
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OBITUARIES

Eddie Chapman, wartime spy, died on December 11 aged 83. He was born on November 7.

afecracker, jailbreaker, wartime double agent, lounge lizard and latterly health farm owner. Eddie Chapman had a life of the sort which makes a barely believable, and bad, movie — as indeed it did. Yet, amid the welter of semifictional details which constituted his curriculum vitae, there was a solid core of truth.

He was, indeed, a highly successful, though somewhat erratic and eventually untrustworthy. British-run double agent in the Second World War. This was a career which, improbably, he owed to his having been in jail in the Channel Islands at the time of the German occupation. This, in turn, was the result of a reasonably successful career as a gentleman criminal, which had followed a spell in the Coldstream Guards. In a life which seemed almost a parody of itself, Chapman was the archetypal hero-villain/charmer-rat, and remained so almost until the end of his life. He was, needless to say, immensely attractive to women.

Edward Donald Chapman (as he was never thereafter to be known) was born in Sunderland and grew up on Wearside. He began his working life in the shipbuilding trade and then, in the desperate state of the economy in the 1930s, joined the Coldstream Guards. Although this gave him some cachet in later life (he looked a plausible Guards' officer although he in fact served in the ranks) he and military life did not suit. He tended to go AWOL for long periods and was eventually discharged.

From then until the outbreak of the Second World War his career vas like something out of an Ealing udios film, in which gentleman ourglars puff on ebony cigarette holders and sip fino sherry (or Krug champagne), probably with

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their arms round glamorous women, while contemplating their next job. He was actually quite good at this line of work, good enough to be hired in the 1960s as a sort of honorary crime corres-pondent of The Sunday Telegraph, whose readers he then proceeded to warn against the attentions of people like him. Cinemas were his favourite tar-

get, since they carried plenty of cash overnight as they did not, in those days, empty their tills of the evening's take. As a safe-cracker his favoured device was a condom full of gelignite. He made enough money to be able to frequent the West End nightspots which were his natural haunt. Although a compulsive talker - and boaster he led a charmed life. His suits, his grooming and his suave manner made him seem an unlikely villain.

He was, of course, bound to get arrested, but on the first occasion he was, fleeing southwards after a bungled job in Edinburgh, he was merely remanded on bail. He fled to Jersey where he might have been safe. But he was quite incapable of giving up his old habits and, in March 1939, for blowing a safe in St Helier, to steal the paltry sum of £25, he was arrested and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

In the undernanding atmosphere of incarceration there, his natural proclivities soon asserted themselves. Stealing a suit from the prison governor's son (with his gentlemanly bearing, he had managed to wangle a job as personal servant to the governor), he scaled a 50ft wall surrounding St Helier jail and jumped to liberty. This liberty did not last long. Improbably equipped with a shrimping net, he was discovered by police on Plémont beach on the northwest of the island. After a short, sharp struggle, described by onlookers as "a first-class scrap", he was over-powered and taken back into custody. He was sentenced to an additional 12 months' imprison-

ment, this time with hard labour.

This might have been the begin-

EDDIE CHAPMAN



From left, Chapman, Billy Hill and the boxer George Walker discuss the mysterious blaze on Hill's yacht Flamingo, in a Soho pub

ning of a weary time for Chapman. But deliverance was at hand in the unlikely shape of the invasion of the Channel Islands by the Germans. In exchange for his liberty, Chapman offered to conduct sabotage missions in Britain for the Germans who were only too ready to believe that someone of his background was in a highly disaffected state of mind. He was given the codename Fritz and in December 1942 was parachuted into Britain.

His mission was to blow up the de Havilland factory near Harfield where the Mosquito was being

On landing, he contacted the police and demanded to be put in touch with Scotland Yard. The police passed him on to MI5 to whom he told his story. Re-christened Zig-Zag by British Intelligence, he became a double agent, his first task being to help to double-cross the Germans over the

"destruction" of the Hatfield factory. This required elaborate deception. Chapman had to be seen to have "stolen" the explosives for the job. Luckily his previous career made it easy for him to accomplish this, and an explosion which gave the appearance of having caused great damage to the factory was engineered. Deceived by the results of their aerial reconnaissance, his Abwehr masters were highly

It was now the Double Cross committee's aim to get him back to Germany so that he could be briefed for further "sabotage" work against Allied targets. He worked is way in a British ship to neutral Portugal where he was given a bomb to plant by a German agent. Instead, he turned it over to the ship's master, and then staged a disappearance under cover of a dockside brawl.

But his espionage career had

already passed its apogee. Later in the war he was sent back to Britain by the Germans and again came under MI5's wing. But in London he took to associating with his old underworld cronies. His indiscreet behaviour in the West End nightspots he was able to frequent regularly, thanks to the handsome payment he had received from the Germans for his first mission, did not endear him to his MI5 controllers. Eventually British Intelligence dispensed with his services.

By this time the war was drawing to an end and he managed to see it out without falling foul of the Abwehr.

For their part, the British authorities agreed to overlook his past criminal record, as a reward for his wartime services. In spite of official attempts to prevent him, he eventually published an account of his wartime exploits. The Eddie Chapman Story (1953), which in turn spawned a rather messy film, Triple Cross (1967), starring Christopher Plummer and Yul Brynner.

Although he was frequently in trouble with the law throughout the 1950s and 1900s, Chapman man-aged to stay out of jail. In the 1950s he was a close friend of the selfstyled "King of Soho", the club owner and underworld boss Billy Hill. With Hill, he took part in a number of exotic-sounding - but mainly, in fact, merely ridiculous — contraband and kidnapping adventures in the latter's motor yacht Flamingo, which was at one stage wanted by police and coastguard services from one end of the Mediterranean to the other. On one occasion she mysteriously caught fire in Toulon harbour, giving rise to suspicions that she had been

sabotaged. But Chapman survived his dubious connections unscathed, and in 1994 featured in a BBC television programme Underworld, as one of the elder statesmen of the criminal fraternity. He also ran a successful health club in Hertfordshire.

Chapman is survived by his wife Betty, and a daughter.

CHRISTOPHER ST JOHN ELLIS



the Ocean Youth Club, aboard the latter's "gentleman's" yacht Duet

Christopher St John Ellis, GM, sailor and youth leader, died on December 18 aged 77. He was born on June 20, 1920.

AN ENEMY of convention, Christopher St John Ellis devoted much of his life to challenging the established order, usually with great humour. It was typical that his George Medal should have been awarded for defusing a wartime bomb he had been ordered not to touch, in a Plymouth hospital. It was also said he had dismantled an explosive device with a teaspoon while in a state of semiconsciousness in Malta, where he lay in a near-coma for a month after taking the full blast of an Italian stick bomb. His bravery helped to keep the harbour clear for Allied access to Suez

Chris Ellis's love of sailing stemmed from a childhood discovery that life at sea relieved the lung problems from which he suffered all his life whooping cough, chronic asthma and the bouts of pneumonia (to which he finally succumbed). At 16 he sailed his lather's 36-ft Bawley single-handedly down the English Channel without

permission - and later conceived ocean cruises as a cure for ills of a more social kind. After the war he devoted

much of his life to working with teenagers first at Radley, but then from more deprived backgrounds. And he later flouted convention, to become one of the first Eton and Oxford-educated headmasters of a secondary modern. He worked tirelessly to create opportunity for the less privi-leged. Suspicious of organised religion, he believed passionately in the human spirit, and in the Ocean Youth Club created an environment in which the potential of some of the most excluded young

children could be realised. In 1950 he made the first of two transatlantic voyages the first with Peter and Susan Pye in Moonraker. In his account of the trip, Peter Pye recalls Ellis trying to eat a whole tree of bananas, in a vain effort not to waste the fruit which had all ripened at once. Inspired by these great pioneers of ocean cruising. Chris Ellis conceived the idea that the skills required to navigate a passage - often in extreme conditions - could be the perfect antidote to antiso-

cial behaviour

Some years later he made the second trip to America -but this time his own 53ft pilot cutter Theodora was crewed entirely by school-leavers. In 1956 the Warden of Radley gave permission for Theodora to be entered in the first Tall Ships Race from Torbay to Lisbon. She lost her topmast in the Bay of Biscay - but two years later she won her class in the second Tall Ships con-

These voyages were the genesis of the Ocean Youth Club — founded in 1960 with the Rev Christopher Courtauld, whose turn-of-the-century gentleman's yacht Duet made up its first fleet with Theodora. To date, a hundred thousand children have sailed with the OYC.

By the 1960s Ellis's pioneering anitude to social work brought him to Stevenage, where urban planners for the new town had not reckoned with a generation of bored young men who were ripping up cinema seats. As at Radley, where he responded to a roving brief with inspirational extracurricular ideas and expeditions, Marlow Secondary Modern gained its first rowing boat under his direction (bought with his own money).

and was later to produce one of Britain's great Olympians: Steve Redgrave.

Ellis's skills as an educationist had not gone unnoticed in more illustrious circles too: in 1955 he had turned up at Balmoral in the unlicensed Austin lorry which had already made him famous at Radley, to tutor the young Duke of Kent. It was said that the hair of a pupil had turned white overnight after its brakes failed (as they often did) while Ellis was overtaking between a bus and a lorry.

Chris Ellis was all his life a great inventor. His devotion to technology arose from his wartime frustration with the Special Services Unit. By 1945 operatives like him were being assigned to Heath-Robinsonian inventions such as landing craft intended to sink and then reinflate. The experience impressed upon him the importance of good design, of which he became a pioneer in the academic field.

Having taught Peter Cook

in the Marionette Club at Radley he went on to introduce design to the curriculum at Eton, where he was an inspirational force in the School of Mechanics. He oversaw tremendous projects from theatrical set building to yacht-fitting and it was here that a team built a clock out of macaroni. He later became a keen correspondent to the letters page of various newspapers on the importance of technology in education. His own boathouse at Eton and then on the Isle of Wight were filled with craft he had himself designed. And time is kept in the Ellis household by a clock which as well as telling the time of day, the day of the week and the date of the calendar month, tells the date of the lunar month, phases of the moon, the local tide and its rise and fall.

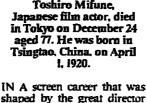
Chris Ellis was a great draughtsman, and friends would find him shading with one hand and measuring perspective with the other - for he was ambidextrous. His earliest architectural drawings won him childhood prizes - but he continued to love buildings, and later told a friend he had willingly risked his life to defuse a bomb in St Paul's Cathedral.

He loved music, breaching

the siege of Malta to have his flute delivered by submarine; the same instrument lies in its case at the house in which he lived on the Isle of Wight, to this day. Friends would often be commandeered as members of a makeshift orchestra beside the fire — where every visitor would have to contribute in some way to the Toy Symphony. His wife Gill would often take the lead with the triangle. She was the helmswoman of his remarkable life; together they made

an inspirational team. He is survived by her and their three sons and

TOSHIRO MIFUNE Toshiro Mifune,



shaped by the great director Akira Kurosawa, Toshiro Mifune became the bestoutside his own country. Kurosawa launched Mifune's international career with Rashomon, which caused a sensation at the 1951 Venice Film Festival, and opened up to the West the great riches latent in contemporary Japa-

But Mifune is even better known in the West for his role in The Seven Samurai (1954). which, in its turn, spawned John Sturges's The Magnificent Seven, of 1960. Mifune's towering screen presence (which included rugged good looks which were in marked contrast to the refined, almost delicate, features of many of his contemporaries) made him much more intelligible to Western audiences than many other distinguished Japanese actors the was often dubbed the "Japanese John Wayne"), and his versatility gave him a popularity all over the world. This was underpinned by his success in the popular television series Shogun.

His range enabled him to inhabit both explosive and violent roles, and to switch to the quietly ironic. And he was as at home in epic versions of Japanese history, peopled by warlords and noble peasants, as he was in wry contemporary situation comedies, featuring mildly disillusioned modern man.

Born in China to Japanese parents, Toshiro Mifune spent his childhood and youth outside Japan. He was called up for service with the Japanese imperial forces during the Second World War and worked as an aerial photographer. When he first came

his film The Drunken Angel of But it was Rashomon, an enigmatic tale set in medieval Japan, which propelled Mifune, who played a cynical bandit, and Kurosawa on to the international stage. It went to the 1951 Venice Internation al Film Festival where it was hailed as a revelation and won the Grand Prix. (It never had

ern, The Outrage (1964). Sichinin no Samurai (The Seven Samurai) extended the reputation of both director



Mifune in his best-known international role as one of The Seven Samurai (1954)

home" to Japan after the war it was to a devastated country with few opportunities for a man of his skills.

He went for a technical job at the Toho film production company, but at that time directors were looking for a new look from Japanese leading men and his CV was passed to the casting department. His ability to stage the most dramatic bursts of anger came to the attention Kurosawa, who cast him in

quite such an ecstatic welcome in Japan itself.) It also won an Academy Award for the best foreign film of its year. It was later reshaped as a - spectacularly bad - Hollywood west-

and actor, particularly in Hol-

lywood, where its debt to the western did not go unnoticed. Though set in loth-century Japan, the resemblance of its plains to the lawless wide open spaces of the American West was immediately apparent. Its progeny, The Magnificent Seven, which transmutes the samurai into seven American gunslingers who protect a Mexican village from bandits,

guished work was done for Kurosawa, for whom he appeared in 16 films, but he went on to make more than 140 movies overall, becoming a popular international property as no other of his contemporaries did. His roles in Kurosawa's Yojimbo and Red Beard won him Best Actor Awards at the Venice film festivals of 1961 and 1965. He was also a natural to

had its original's energy, but

Mifune's most distin-

none of its strange beauty.

provide "authentic" Japanese interest in such different Hollywood war films as the pretentious Hell in the Pacific (1969), in which he played a Japanese naval commander stranded on a Pacific atoll with Lee Marvin's American pilot, and Midway (1976), a sprawling panorama of the decisive

battle of the Pacific war, in which he was pitched in against the likes of Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda, Robert Mitchum, Glenn Ford and James Coburn.

In the meantime he had, in 1963, formed his own production company, Mifune Productions, which made a number of films. He had a shot at directing himself; but his one film. The Legacy of the Five Hundred Thousand, was a resounding box-office flop.

His popularity in the West was increased even more when he was given a central role in the American television series Shogun (1980), a somewhat rambling, though visually opulent, adaptation of the James Clavell novel of that name. It won an Emmy award in 1981 for being the Outstanding Limited Series of the year.

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Reflecting on his protégé's unique qualities in his autobiography, Kurosawa recalled: "It was above all the speed with which he expressed himself that was astounding. The ordinary Japanese actor might need ten feet of film to get across an impression: Mifune

Toshiro Mifune is survived by two sons.

CHRISTMAS UNDER

THE POOR LAW.

When each London parish was the unit of administration as well as of assessment Christmas under the Poor Law was, in fact, Christmas in the workhouses. Then each workhouse was a home for all old and young, sick and hearty, those who became inmutes as a test of poverty and thuse who did so through helplessness — whether that helplessness arose from tender youth, old age, contagious disease, weak mind, or any other form of malady. Yesterday's festival, by the operation of the legislation of late years, found all this changed. London workhouses still contain many aged, many sick, many helpless from other causes of helplessness, but the young are no longer trained to pauperism, contagious diseases are no longer housed in workhouse walls and the imbecile no longer crowd the wards in London. All these classes are separated and separately looked after, and though ties which formerly bound the well-todo parishioner to take a personal interest in the care of those dependent upon the rates have been somewhat loosened, yet a passing review of what has been done and what is doing will show that alike in the interests of numanity, in the proper care of the sick poor,

ON THIS DAY

December 26, 1871 **学员**

This is a favourable view of an institution which the public saw as its last refuge. George Lansbury said of one in 1892 that it was clean and polished "but of goodwill, kindness, there was none ..." George Sims's Christmas Day in the Workhouse

as well as in a statesmanlike dealing with floating pauperism, the change has had a beneficial influence upon the present and future of London.

(1903) was a powerful indictment of the system.

In no London workhouse yesterday nor in the many schools raised out of the London rates were the usual Christmas bounties forgotten. Altered in character as many of them are, still visitors from the outside world kept up the custom of looking to the welldoing of the rate-supported poor on this day. In no parts of London is this old usage more closely adhered to than in Marylchone, in the workhouses of the city of London, and in St

George's, Hanover-square, places in which

there are special circumstances which admir of this custom. In the new institutions under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, too, now this year brought fairly into work, the customs of the season were as far as possible observed. At Caterham Asylum, where there are, in round numbers, 1,000 imbeciles, and at Leavesden Asylum, where there are 1,620, all the festivities of the season were allowed within a judicious limit. These two large establishments take the place of the dingy wards in confined workhouse huildings in the midst of London, with occasional visits from the overworked medical man whose sorry duty it was give daily attendance to the persons suffering from varied maladies within the workhouse walls. The happy change these institutions have provided to the classes for whom they were designed namely, the harmless and incurable imbeciles who were formerly in the workhouse - is to be seen in the fact that, though deemed incurable, under the genial treatment of a cheerful place, many have recovered from a seemingly hopeless imbecility. Each of these stitutions has an efficient medical and administrative staff, and the affairs of each are guided by committees, appointed by the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and approved by the Local Government Board . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Ten die as hurricane hits Britain

■ Hurricane force winds raged across Britain on Christmas Eve and yesterday leaving five people dead, five French fishermen feared drowned in the Irish Sea, thousands of people without power and scores of roads blocked by fallen trees.

As the emergency services battled to cope, a fresh wave of storms with winds gusting up to 70 mph swept across London and much of southern England last night.....

Princes greet crowds at Sandringham

■ Prince William and Prince Harry showed maturity beyond their years as they coped with their first Christmas since the death of their mother. Diana, Princess of Wales. They smiled and chatted to elderly and disabled people in the crowds outside St Mary Magdalene church on the Sandringham Pages I. 2

Blair support

Tony Blair has thrown his full authority behind the senior Cabinet minister whose son was arrested by police over newspaper allegations of supplying Pages 1, 4 cannabis

Sales bonanza

Record takings in the shops on Christmas Eve point to another bonanza as sales get into full swing today, retail analysts Pages 1. 9

Navy celebrates

Two thousand miles from the Christmas dinner tables they expected to be gracing, the crew of HMS Invincible shrugged off their disappointment and celebrated the festive season somewhere off Cyprus....Page 2

Seamen rescued

Six seamen aboard a British cruise ship were rescued from the icy waters of the New York City harbour after a lifeboat fell overboard during a safety drill Page 3

Surprise baby

When the twinges in her abdomen were diagnosed as labour pains Julie Anglin was thunderstruck. She had not even realised she was pregnant......Page 5

Hunt ban call

As hunting supporters gather for their biggest day of the year today an archbishop and six bishops declared their support for a ban _ Page 6

Ancient music

On the 50th anniversary of the invention of the transistor it is being said that antique valve amplifiers are better designed for playing thumping music...Page 7

Carey's message

The Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, called for a more caring society, which he said should be achieved by Chris-...Page 8 tian values...

Woody Allen's bride

The film director Woody Allen, whose on-screen neuroses are mirrored often in his overwrought personal life, has married Soon-Yi Previn, the adopted daughter of the actress Mia Farrow. ... Page 10

Kaunda arrested

Kenneth Kaunda, the 73-year-old former President of Zambia, was arrested at his home in Lusaka early yesterday and imprisoned under the country's state of emer-..... Page U gency laws.....

Mexican slaughter

At least three suspects are being questioned over theslaughter of 45 defenceless Indian peasants in southern Mexico but as yet none

has been charged _____Page 12 Jackal questioned

Carlos the Jackal will be questioned over a 1982 terrorist attack in the first of many inquiries that will represent his only break from the monotony of prison .. Page 13

On the trail of a defeated Tory

■ New Labour women MPs who accuse the Tories of sexism and rudeness can take comfort from a television documentary: things could have been worse. Campaign Confessions to be shown this weekend reveals a degree of arrogance from one defeated Tory that makes many of his victorious colleagues look like models of humility



Forty hardy swimmers took the plunge yesterday for the annual Christmas Day race in the Serpentine, Hyde Park

SPORT BUSINESS

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Rogue offer: Yasuo Hamanaka, the trader whose dealings cost Sumitomo Corporation \$26 billion (£1.55 billion), has offered to pay his former employer \$800,000 that he had in a Swiss account Page 40

Granada attacked: Pirc, the corporate governance consultancy, has attacked Granada for making special payments which take the package for Gerry Robinsion to nearly Page 40

Kindly Gates: Microsoft and Goldman Sachs, regarded as two of the most demanding of American employers, have scored highly in Fortune magazine's list of the 100 best ...Page 37

Korea aid: The IMF rode to the rescue of South Korea by agreeing a \$10 billion package Page 40

Racing: One Man aims to complete a hat-trick in the King George VI Chase at Kempton today but, after heavy rain, a surprise is on the ... Pages 26. 27

Footbalk: Manchester United, on course for their fifth title in six years, will hope to increase their four-point lead in the Premiership today when they entertain strug-..... Pages 22-24 gling Everton

Rugby union: Saracens, riding high in the first division, will be trying to extend their unbeaten seven-match run at home to Leicester

Cricket: A place in the final of the women's World Cup is at stake when England play New Zealand in Madras today. The winners .. Page 28 meet Australia...

Seasonal dance: The Royal Ballet celebrates Christmas with a double bill that brings together Ashton's skating ballet Les Patineurs with the cute cuddly creatures of Tales of Page 31 Beatrix Potter.

ARTS

Year in the arts: "On the news pages we gawped at headlines of arts organisations in turmoil," writes Richard Morrison. "Yet when we turned to the arts pages we found that there was scintillation everywhere" Page 32

Past sound: The budget-priced record label Naxos launches historic performances given new life by computer wizardry..... Page 32

Young painters: A new book reveals how the daubings of children have inspired much great modern

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SATURDAY TIMES

■ SCOTLAND THE RAVE

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The world's landmarks

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After the party: You wake up looking and feeling like someone who

was put to death a couple of thousand years ago. Jane Shilling discusses the dreaded and dreadful festive hangovers ____Page 14 Party time: How can you keep going during the party season? Ja-

Revival: Six of the best ways to tone

son Cowley finds out how to survie

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Tackling dylexia: When Hazel Martin discovered that her son was dyslexic it was a relief; she had

been worried he was a slow learner.. Page 34 Leading edge: A comprehensive for girls in London's East End has introduced a feature usually associated with boys' schools: leadership training...

The willingness to judge with all the meticulous hair-splitting of real justice a man accused of spurning the most basic elements of humanity is one of the enablems and a civilised society. This discipline sometimes yields muddled and confusing results and the verdict in the second Oklahoma City bomb-

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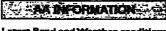
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south and east in afternoon. N Ireland and western Scotland chilly and breezy with sunny intervals and heavy showers, which will
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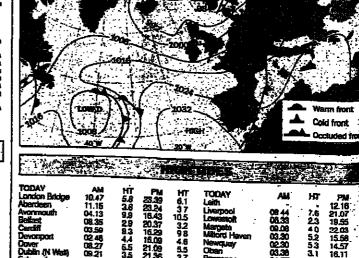
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Two brighter shades of grey

Desert Orchid and One Man have more in common than colour and

talent. Richard Dunwoody

compares two great chasers

omparisons between race-horses are invariably un-satisfactory — different styles, different temperanents, different strengths render the exercise futile. Today, however, have no wish to avoid the inevitable, for mine is the privilege of having ridden the two great d recent Christmases.

Desert Orchid was the horse of a ockey's dreams. Athletic and exuerant, he made every race a ollercoaster of emotions for his r-growing legion of followers. His startling, snow-like colouring merely added to his popularity but, in truth, he needed no artificial charm. He won the King George VI Chase four Boxing Days out of five and I was his partner for the last

Now, seven years on from the last of that quartet, there is another shade darker and his style of running does not care to match the Pied Piperish Dessie, but One Man has won the past two runnings of the King George and today at Kempton Park he is favourite to emulate his spectacular predecessor with three in a row.

Before I assess our chances of success, I shall attempt some of those elusive comparisons, for when I saw the two greys together last week during a promotion for the race at Gordon Richards's yard in Cumbria, one thing struck me forcibly. Whatever else they may do differently, Desert Orchid and One Man share a rare intelligence.

To some, this will be perplexing: to others, probably, a nonsense. Intelligent horses? How do we know? Well, a horse cannot demonstrate human intellectualism, of course, but this does not mean that one is not brighter, more alert, observant and — yes — intelligent, than another. The best horses usually have this mental sharpness, this ability to notice things you would not expect, though it has

In Desert Orchid, no one watching him closely could fail to notice his alertness, his love of taking in everything around him. Even in advanced retirement, he briefly went missing at Greystoke last week and was discovered at the top end of the yard, highly frustrated that the string had gone out on the gallops without him. He is a venerable 18 now, but apparently

One Man may not quite match the charisma of Dessie but he is no less intelligent. In his last race at



Huntingdon, he was immensely impressive but, as we reached the finishing post, he cocked his ears towards the stands in an unusual way. I honestly believe he had been listening to the noise of the race commentary over the speakers and

was puzzled at it tailing off. A horse able to take in such peripheral sounds and emotions is obviously clever, in the right sense. Cleverness, when applied to a racehorse, can be a derogatory term and there have been those tempted to use it about One Man on the occasions - especially at Cheltenham in March - when he has failed to see out a race, indeed when he has gone from cruising to a painful crawl in barely a few

To my knowledge, nobody con-nected with the horse has come up with the definitive explanation, but we all have our theories. I think back to his first King George, two winters ago. A frozen Christmas meant it had been switched to Sandown Park, early in January,

theorists would say the still track and uphill finish were all against him. However, he showed no signs of stopping that day and went absolutely to his limit, his courage unquestionable.

e hit the front at the first fence down the back straight and staved there resolutely. finishing 14 lengths clear of a highquality field. I simply wonder if that race somehow left a mark, mental or physical.

I will certainly not be looking to have him in front so far out today. The tactics will be agreed between the trainer and myself but we seldom differ. There are enough renowned front-runners in the field for us to get a lead and, hopefully, produce him where it matters. It will not be straightforward. though. The rarity of winning three successive King Georges is one adverse factor: so, too, is the presence of two more greys with outstanding recent credentials. Suny Bay, perversely, impressed

me more on his comeback run at Haydock Park than when winning the Hennessy Gold Cup a fortnight later. There was no arguing with the way he strode up the straight at Newbury, though, and he will be a formidable rival.

Senor El Betrutti's season has been a fairy-tale for the Gloucestershire husband and wife who own and train him. He has startled us all by winning the two big autumn style and he is a brilliant jumper.

Do not discount Barton Bank, running as well as ever and jumping better. Adrian Maguire was very good on him in the Hennessy, very definite at the obstacles, and, of course, he has won this race before.

I shall be surprised if the winner comes from outside these four but this is no one-horse. One Man event. As ever, it will be fast and spectacular, the perfect post-Christmas cheer, this year even greyer

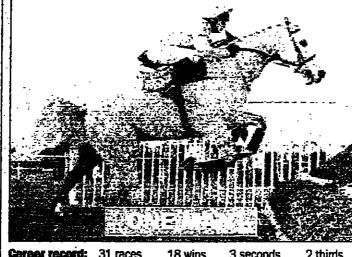
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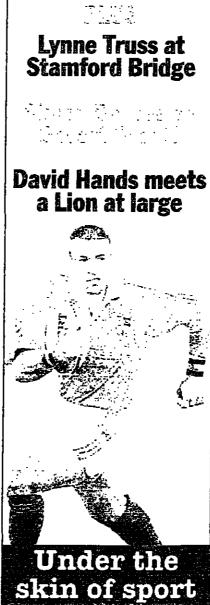
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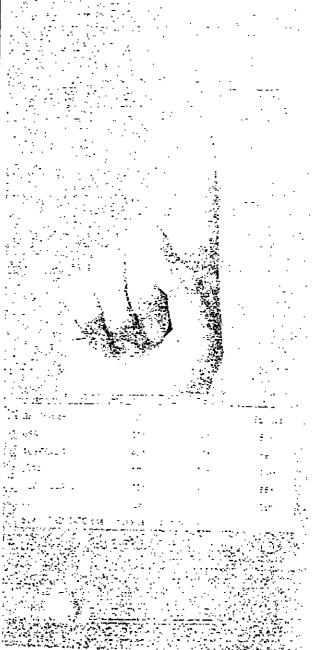
As well as four wins in the King George VI Chase (1986, 1988, 1989, 1990) Desert Orchid has triumphed in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (1989), Irish Grand National (1990) and Whitbread Gold Cup (1988).



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Twice winner of the King George VI Chase, unusually in the same year of 1996 as the 1995 race was put back a month because of bad weather on Boxing Day, One Man also has the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in 1994 to his credit.





BOXING DAY FOOTBALL

United they stand in league of their own

Oliver Holt can see no obvious challenge to Alex Ferguson's men for another

season — at least

n recent years, at least, the song of delusion has remained the same. With the start of every season, the detractors have searched high and low for weaknesses in the structure of the Old Trafford fortress like Luke Skywalker and his rebel friends trying to pinpoint the flaw in the mother ship of the Empire. Like the Empire. though, the detractors have been made to feel The Force.

Once, a few seasons ago, Alex Ferguson was famously told by Alan Hansen that he would "never win anything with kids". His Manchester United side went on to achieve the double. This August, the critics wondered first whether United could possibly defend their championship without their great muse. Eric Cantona, then whether they would survive having lost their new captain, Roy Keane.

to a serious knee injury. United have just steamrollered on. Their excellence at home and abroad has been the dominant theme of the season so far. Nothing seems to be able to stop them. When any player, in any position, falls by the wayside because of injury or suspension, another is beckoned from the shadows and the machine rumbles on unhindered.

In Europe, United have embarrassed those cynics who still pay exaggerated heed to the reputations of the continental giants, by carrying all before them in the Champions' League. Their victory over Juventus at Old Trafford coupled with England's draw with Italy in Rome, which brought them automatic qualification for next year's World Cup, gave the game in this country a great shot in the

With the domestic campaign now at its traditional halfway stage, United go into





The arrival of Sheringham, left, and the emergence of Scholes have helped Manchester United to maintain their dominance of the game

Everton side four points clear of the chasing pack. If the rest have been rendered wheezing and breathless by the chase, United have managed to give the impression that they have yet to stretch their legs.

They bought Teddy Sheringham to fill in for Cantona and, if he found it hard to settle in at first, the former Tottenham Hotspur striker is flour-ishing now. More than that, he seems to have freed up the debilitating case of striker's block that was weighing down 'Andy Cole.

It was said that United's

said. "The buzz you get from

cup runs will ensure it will be

a difficult fixture for us. There

will be a big crowd, which will

get behind them, and we

expect we will have to defend

very well. But we've got a bit of

confidence and won't be going

in like lambs to the slaughter.

from a conviction that after

suffering a reaction to finish-

ing runners-up to Maccles-field Town and losing Lee

Hughes, who scored 30 goals

in the Conference last season,

and Marcus Bignot, their

That confidence is born

established striker but Cole's recent avalanche of goals has made that a redundant argument now. If Cole has been the star of

the show, his goals helping United to blitz their way through the Champions' League above Juventus in group B to a relatively effortless qualification for the quarter-finals of the competition, Paul Scholes has been the revelation of the opening half of the season. Even after his heroics for

England in the Tournoi de France last summer, a regular today's home game with How- European Cup hopes would place in the United side spring. ard Kendall's struggling founder on their lack of an seemed in doubt until the

injury to Keane, but Scholes has seized his chance. His neat goal in the home win over Juventus was a classic piece of clinical finishing, his passing has been breathtaking, his movement a joy to watch.

With Scholes and Nicky Butt an unbeatable pairing in the centre of midfield, Ryan Giggs maturing into the superstar everyone hoped he would become and Gary Pallister enjoying a career autumn burnished in gold, United are more likely to stretch their lead than see it reined in as winter turns to

Of their challengers, neither United at Stamford Bridge in still look stretched, particular- Manchester United.

Arsenal, whose ageing side is already showing signs of weakening as the wear and tear of the season takes hold, nor Blackburn Rovers, who have been commendably re-

suscitated by Roy Hodgson, nor Liverpool, still resolutely underachieving, appear to have the strength in depth or the consistency to make a concerted effort to dethrone the champions. Only Chelsea, with their growing squad and their trickle of promising youngsters.

appear capable of providing a genuine threat.

the next six weeks — the first in the FA Cup, the second in the FA Carling Premiership will do much to decide the destination of the two main honours in the domestic game this season. Even though Dennis Wise has been outstanding and Gianluca Vialli is enjoying a limited renaissance, the inescapable conclusion is that Chelsea are one season short of wresting the title away from

Gianfranco Zola is not quite in the form he was last season and when suspension or injury robs them of their first-

Russell Kempson on the uncertain future of the lower divisions

ly in midfield, in a way that United are not. If Rund Gullit stays on as manager and is given more money to spend, next season could be the one in which West London celebrates.

For some, of course, all hope of rivalling United disappeared long ago. The managerial merry-go-round began, predictably, just as November dawned on the Premiership. David Pleat, at Sheffield

Wednesday, was the first to go, sacked after a calamitous defeat at Old Trafford. Gerry Francis was next at Tottenham Hotspur, although he gave the impression that he had had to hacksaw through the shackles that Alan Sugar had fitted him

with to get away. Pleat will be back at Tottenham in the new year in some sort of general-manager role, overseeing the work of the somewhat eccentric Swiss disciplinarian, Christian Gross, the replacement for Francis. Their recruitment, though, was overshadowed by last week's arrival of Jürgen Klinsmann. The fact that man-

Their excellence at home and abroad has been the dominant theme of the season'

ager, board and supporters appear to be pinning their hopes on a 33-year-old who has scored two goals during a miserable season with Sampdoria in Serie A seems indicative of an approach that could be described as papering over

And then there is Barnsley. The club that everyone wrote off before the season, the club that yearned to prove the doubters wrong and show us that it was possible for a small club to survive in the Premiership jungle, is anchored at the foot of the table.

They are beginning to get to grips with the reality of life in the top flight, they even pulled off the shock of the season with a 1-0 win at Anfield. If there is still any hope left on the last day of the season, though, it is likely to be extinguished then: that is when Danny Wilson Their two games against choice players, Chelsea can and his team play host to

Forest to sue over payment to referee

By RICHARD HOBSON

NOTTINGHAM Forest have carried out their threat to issue a writ against Anderlecht for compensation after the Belgian club admitted making a payment to the referee in the 1984 Uefa Cup semi-final. The club and the players involved in the tie are pressing separate claims for a total of around £2 million.

Filip Goemans, the Belgian lawyer acting on be-half of Forest and players, said that Anderlecht had been given three months to agree a financial settlement, before the deadline imposed by Forest expired on Christmas Eve. Forest believe they are entitled to £1.5 million in gate receipts, television coverage and other commercial spin-offs forfeited through missing the final against Tottenham Hotspur. The 16 players cite win bonuses and subsequent improvements to their contracts.

Anderlecht were 2-0 down from the first leg. but won the second game 30 as Forest saw what appeared a legitimate goal by Paul Hart disallowed and a dubious penalty awarded against Kenny Swain by Guruceta Muro, the referee.

Allegations of bribery surfaced last February when it emerged that Anderlecht were being blackmailed over the issue. Constant Vanden Stock, the former Anderlecht chairman, later admitted that Muro had been paid the equivalent of £18,000 the day after the game. Muro, from Spain, died in a car crash ten years ago.

Anderlecht subsequently told Uefa that the payment to Muro was intended as a loan. However. Uefa decided to ban Anderlecht from European competition for a year the next time they qualify. Forest claim they are entitled to the vacant place and await Uefa's

Kidderminster in for difficult time

By Walter Gammie ises to be highly charged. "They're on a cup run," Allner

IN RECENT synsons Kidderminster Harriers' matches against Bromsgrove Rovers have been the Vauxhall Conference's biggest Boxing Day box-office attraction. A crowd of 6.081 flocked to Aggborough last season for an encounter that Kidderminster lost 2-1.

The relegation Bromsgrove to the Dr Martens League might well have created a void for instant nostalgia for the five Christmases gone by were it not for the descent of Hereford United from the Nationwide

"lt's a big swap for us," Graham Allner, the Kidderminster manager, said. "Our record gate figure was set against Hereford United. Although Bromsgrove is just ten miles down the road and Hereford is 35 miles away. there is a great tradition which dates to when there were three big clubs in the area. Well, it was Worcester and Hereford first, with us emerging later

in these safety-conscious days - and with the capacity at Aggborough fixed at 6,237 Kidderminster will not, for the New Year's Day meeting, match that ground record, of 9,155, for an FA Cup first-round tie in 1948, but Allner reports Dave Reynolds, his chairman, breezily predicting

a full house. First, though, Kidderminster must go to Hereford. where the atmosphere prom-

Smith set to bring stability

accomplished defender, to the Football League Kidderminster's troubles have bottomed out at an uncomfortable seventeenth place in the table. Allner has steadily rebuilt a side that now boasts only four regulars from last season and last month brought in Mike Bignall, 21, from Morecambe correctly," he said.
Smith is anxious to give to partner lan Arnold, a seasoned Conference striker,

record is one every two match-Stalybridge Celtic, who have not won for nine matches, this week appointed Mei Sterland as their manager and Imre Varadi as his assistant. Their first assignment is a trip to Northwich Victoria.

And Bromsgrove Rovers? They have to settle for the visit Victoria Ground.

in attack. "Mike's full of

goals," Allner said. "His

DENIS SMITH could not have presented a greater contrast to Ray Harford, his predecessor, when he dis-cussed his priorities as the ninth manager of West Bromwich Albion in ten years (Richard Hobson writes). Where Harford dedined to sign a contract during his ten months at The Hawthorns and cited the distance from his home in Buckinghamshire as the reason he left for Queens Park Rangers, Smith imm-ediately agreed a three-year deal, checked into a local hotel and began to scour the local property guide for permanent accommodation.

Moreover, Smith, who left Oxford United to take up the job on Tuesday evening, pledged to sell his home on the outskirts of Oxford, even though renovation work has only recently been completed. "I believe I have to live in the local area to do the job

Albion managerial stability. "I was at Sunderland for nearly five years, York City for five and Oxford for four. so I consider myself a loyal the first division. Smith said: "Middlesbrough appear to be the best side Sunderland have started to look strong. We can finish in the top two. but otherwise a play-off final at Wembley would be nice."

Poor relation fighting for slice of cake AS THE FA Carling Premier-ship, dripping in cash and full of self-importance, continues to congratulate itself at every step, the Nationwide League

gratefully grabs each morsel that falls from the high table. There are not many scraps left, hence the radical plans put forward by the Football League chairmen at a meeting in London earlier this month. Bizarrely entitled Options Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto, they include a 12-club superleague, a six-division format, extra points

for teams leading at half-time, penalty shoot-outs to decide drawn games and relegation play-offs. The proposals will

"We are acting to prevent the Premiership from leaving us high and dry," David Sheenshanks, the League chairman, said, "We are, to an extent, masters of our own destiny. We will leave no stone unturned." Cynics have long since suggested that football's rule-makers exist on another planet but at least the problems are being addressed.

The squabble over the de-

valuing of the Coca-Cola Cup rumbles on, too, with the League justifiably indignant that Uefa, the sport's Euro-pean governing body, should have taken away the prize of a Uefa Cup place for the winners of its knockout competition. And all because the FA



the Premiership, refuses to

reduce its membership to 18. Again, the League has been active in trying to seek a solution. It has taken its case to the European Commission in Brussels and a verdict is expected in February, around the time of the two-legged Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals. We remain confident of a favourable decision," Sheep-

Premier League, which runs

the more daunting task of taking on Chelsea at Portman scored. Tucked in nicely be-hind are Sheffield United and

In the first division, the cream is gradually rising to the top. Middlesbrough, away at Huddersfield Town this afternoon, lead the way, after a tardy start, ahead of Nottingham Forest on goals

shanks, a dogged pursuer of justice, said.

and Ipswich Town play in the

quarter-finals early in the new

year and, with Reading meet-

ing Middlesbrough at Elm

Park, the Nationwide League

is guaranteed a representative

in the last four. Ipswich face

Middlesbrough, Reading

Sunderland but Swindon Town and Bradford City are on the slide and West Bromwich Albion have yet to recover from Ray Harford's

sudden departure. Charlton Athletic are on a high of five wins in seven matches, shrugging aside the drug-related problems that still seem to haunt them, while Wolverhampton Wanderers could emerge from the pack if Mark McGhee, for once, de-

livers what he promises. Perm any three from ten for the drop, with Bury and Crewe Alexandra in apparent freefall and Portsmouth all at sea as Terry Venables, their absentee chairman, considers

Taylor comes up trumps

WHEN Graham Taylor, the Watford general manager, assumed a more hands-on role at Vicarage Road at the start of the season, more than a few eyebrows were raised. Had he really recovered from his torrid time tending the England vegetable patch? Had he not left Wolverhampton Wanderers in similarly fraught

be voted on in two months.

When John Ward, the former Bristol Rovers manager, was appointed to succeed Joe Jordan at Bristol City in March, more than a few oaths were uttered. How could the Ashton Gate board appoint a man from the wrong side of

Woe, woe and thrice woe were predicted by many but, happily. Taylor and Ward have eased the fears of even their most demonic doubters to the extent that elevation from the Nationwide League second division appears all but assured. Watford, the leaders, are four points clear of Bristol City, who are 14

letic, their nearest challengers. Barring a slump of seismic proportions, the automatic promotion places have gone. The rest of the division, though, is a mess, unpredictable and open to as many interpretations as possibly imaginable. Highlighting the

points ahead of Oldham Ath-

conundrum, Waisali, who play Bristol Rovers today, lie in lifteenth position but are only four points outside the

play-off zone. The second division is certainly no soft touch, as many well-known figures have swiftly discovered. Michael Knighton, the Carlisle United chairman, dismissed Mervyn Day, his manager, in September, claiming that he could do better. Carlisle were 22nd when Day departed; under Knighton's guidance, they are now 24th. Burnley, faring little better

in 23rd, have struggled since Chris Waddle, the former England winger, took control, while the Kevin Keegan-Ray Wilkins partnership at Fulham, and the millions of Mohamed Al Fayed, have yet to inspire great things at Craven Cottage.

Micky Adams, turfed out by Al Fayed to make way for the Keegan-Wilkins combo, resurfaced at Brentford via Swansea City but has produced only one win in nine matches since he arrived at Griffin Park. Luton Town are also down among the driftwood.

Grimsby Town take the honours for hard graft, having played 33 league and cup games this season — the most of any club in the Nationwide

No relief in sight for sad Doncaster

IT IS a distressing tale from the pit of the Nationwide League third division. Doncaster Rovers have played 27 league and cup matches this season and have won only once. They have scored 19 goals and conceded 71: they have had four players sent off and have used four managers. They are going nowhere — unless bankruptcy gets them first — but the Vauxhall

Perhaps Rovers' plight was best summed up when only 580 speciators turned up for their Auto Windscreens Shield northern section firstround tie against Rochdale at Belle Vue on December 9. Harvey Cunningham, their defender, was dismissed for the second time this season and they lost 1-0. Brighton, still homeless

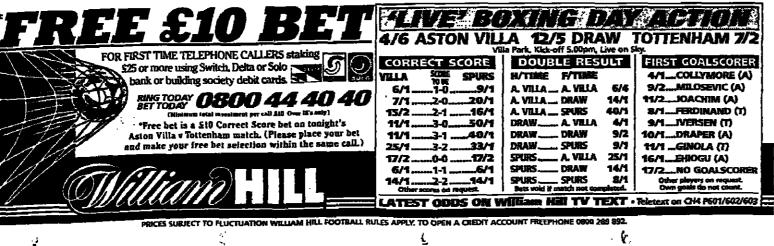
and renting in Kent, Swansea City, Hull City and Darlington should maybe say a prayer that Doncaster do not go under before May, otherwise they could discover that their apparent safety net has been suddenly removed. Rovers' supporters - those that are left - are unlikely to receive much festive cheer from the visit of Mansfield Town this afternoon.

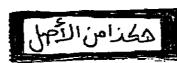
Notts County set the page at the top, closely followed by Peterborough United and Lincoln City. Peterborough have given Barry Fry. their ebullient manager, much to crow about — not that he needs an excuse — with Jimmy Quinn and Martin Carruthers forging an impressive 34-goal partnership. Fry will hope that Quinn, 38, does not choose to exercise a clause in his contract that stipulates he can leave if a suitable manager's job becomes available elsewhere.

John Beck continues to guide Lincoln onwards and upwards, aithough their unbeaten 18-match sequence in league and cups ended earlier this month and they also lost on penalties to Emley, of the UniBond League, in an FA Cup second-round replay. Rotherham United managed by Ronnie Moore, have risen from twentieth place to sixth and are inching closer to the

For Macclesfield Town, the division newcomers, it is so far so good at home - eight wins, three draws in II matches - but rather less good on the road. They go to Darlington today still seeking to

break their duck





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MANCHESTER UNITED

EVERTON Today, 3.0 (sold out)



Oliver Holt Three clean sheets in the past three games amounts to something of a mini-revival for

Howard Kendall and his beleaguered Everton team, but they will face the ultimate test of their defensive worth at Old Trafford today when they come up against the might of the leaders of the FA Carling Premiership.

Manchester United, who are buildozing their opponents when they play well and squeezing them when they do not, are four points clear at the top of the table and showing precious few signs of vulnerability. Andy Cole, who scored on his

return to Newcastle United last Sunday, and Teddy Sheringham are forming such an impressive partnership that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who has scored some spectacular goals himself this season, seems destined to be left on the bench once more.

With Ryan Giggs also approaching what many feel is the best form of his career, adding hard work and consistency to his dazzling speed on the wing, and Paul Scholes restored to the heart of midfield after suspension. Everton will have to play considerably above their best -

of which not a great deal has been seen so far this campaign -to glean any return from this

afternoon's match. But after the gloom of the early season at Goodison Park, some hope has been restored to the faithful by the addition of new signings in the form of Thomas Myfire, the Norwegian goal-keeper, Mitch Ward and Carl

Tiler, in particular, has impressed Evertonians who were sceptical about his arrival from Sheffield United, but he has more than filled the gap at the heart of the defence left by the suspension of Slaven Bilic, the Croatia international.

With Duncan Ferguson also suspended, Everton are likely to play with Danny Cadamarteri and Nick Barmby in attack.

Behind them, Gary Speed, the Wales captain, seems to have been galvanised by recent talk that he might be seeking a transfer from the troubled Merseyside club — Newcastle were said to be greatly interested.

It was Speed's late penalty at Filbert Street that gave Everton a priceless win over Leicester City. United, though, will be keen to begin their lestive programme in style in front of their own

supporters. With Gary Pallister and Ronnie Johnsen in superb form in defence, it is hard to see Everton drawing any reward for the effort they are sure to put in. It should be a spirited match but only a fool would bet against United in their present mood.

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable; 4-4-2); P Schmeichel — G Neville, G Paliszer, R Johnsen, P Noville — D Beckharn, N Burl, P Scholes, R Giggs — A Cole, E Sherngham EVERTON (probable; 3-5-2) T Myrle — D Watson, C Shon, C Tier — M Ward, J Oster, G Speed, G Farrely, A Hanchelitie — D Cadamerten, N Barmby. Referee: U Rennie.

■ PREDICTION: United to end Everton's revival.

BOXING DAY FOOTBALL



Herr restored: Klinsmann is back at White Hart Lane, serving humble pie to Alan Sugar and, he hopes, goals to Tottenham Hotspur



NEVER GO BACK

Jürgen Klinsmann showed a rate talent for unexpected cometeacks when he swept into White Hart Lane on Monday. Here are 11 other players who found that their ticket was stamped "return" tather than

1. Graeme Le Saux (Chelsea) Sold to Blackburn Rouers for \$650,000, bought back by those financial egginosits at Stantond Snotge for £5 mallon 2. Les Sealey (Manchester United) Signed on a free transfer then again on ban, three years later. He had some untrusted shopping in the Megasture.

3. Martin Keown (Arsenell George Graham sofit rim to Aston Villa for 200,000 in 1886 and re-signed him from Everion for 52 million 61- years later, the old

4 Julian Dicks (West Ham United) Went to Everpool for £1.5 milion in September 1993 and came back again 13 months later At Anfield he grabbed the I/o 23 shit. "We'l, if aid any Foxier"

5. Vinnie Jones (Wimbledon) A year at Leeds, a year at Sheffield United, a year at Chekeo before the produjal returned. They even moved grounds while he was away, but he still found them. 6 Neil Ruddock (Tottenham Hotspur) Attracted by his appalling disciplinary record at The Deli, Spurs re-signed him

7. Colin Hendry (Blackburn Rovers) Bland ambijon rook him back to Excod Park from Manchester City 8. Peter Beardsley (Newcastle United)

He left when it was a club rule that Newcastle sold their best players and returned, via Liverpool and Everton, when they realised it was probably a mistake. 9. Brian Deane (Shetfield United)

He went to Ellend back, his price dropping from \$29 million to \$11 million in the . 10. Mark Hughes (Menchester United)

From Old Trafford to the Nou Camp and back again. The best buy-back ever? 11. Robert Fleck (Norwich City) More Le Saux-like shrewdness by Chelsea. who lost £1 45 million and gained five goals

Compiled by Richard Whitehead

Kevin Davies to leave the field at

Villa Park last Saturday, when

Southampton had the better of a

With perfect timing, Egil

Ostenstad has returned to fitness

afterinjury. Davies, despite earn-

ing a share of the November

Carling player-of-the-month

award, has been looking a little

jaded in any case, according to regular Dell observers, so a rest,

even an enforced one, could be

i-i draw.



Brian Glanville One can only hope that both teams, imbued by seasonal spirit, rise above their recent dull levels. The virtue seems

to have gone out of both of them. For Arsenal, Ian Wright has lost his way and even Dennis Bergkamp, since his return from suspension, has not been the same inspirational force. In midfield, David Platt, once such a star for England and several Italian clubs, is playing on borrowed time and the lack of a creator in midfield grows more and more apparent.

Tony Adams is n weeks with back trouble and his away against Everton last week. England future seems in jeopar-

confining seven players to bed.

Both pine for goals from expen-

sive strikers - Ferdinand, at £6

million, has three for Tottenham,

the wayward Collymore, at £7

Thus a fixture so traditional

you could feel the pulse of football

through it is reduced to a struggle against mediocrity. When goal-scorers fail, the fault may lie in

those who serve them, and Villa

have yet to replace the drive of Townsend while Tottenham lack

million, just two for Villa.

Rob Hughes

Christian Gross

regrets that, this

year, he has no

time to shop for Christmas gifts.

Brian Little frets

over the virus



ARSENAL LEICESTER CITY

dy. Even David Seaman, in goal, has of late looked strangely vulnerable. Leicester's own goal-keeper, Kasey Keller, will no doubt be anxious to atone for the sive penalty he so rashly gave

ASTON VILLA

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Today, 5.0 (sold out)

Gross, having to shrug off

insults from those who hardly

know him, takes solace in the

form and attitude of Ginola. The

second coming of Klinsmann will

not be until Sunday, against

Arsenal, and by then Gross

hopes that Sugar, the chairman,

Today, 12.0 (sold out)

relying heavily on Steve Guppy's wing play and crosses and what Emile Heskey can make out of next to nothing.

Alan Hansen may be right when he says that the highly promising Heskey needs to add aggression to his outstanding pace and power.

If Leicester could give him the right service, he might play havoc with Arsenal's elderly defence. But can Izzet and Savage supply him? And can Kaamark, on the right, overlap?

Inghi, Overlady:
ARSENAL (probable; 4-4-2): D Seaman — L
Oson, S Bould, M Koown, N Winterburn — R
Parlour, P Vieira, D Platt, M Overmars — I Wright,
D Bergkerrp.
LEICESTER CITY (probable, 3-5-2): K Keller —
S Prior, S Watsh, M Ellioft — P Kaamark, M tozel,
N Lennon, R Savage, S Guppy — E Haskey, S
Claridge.

and Pleat, the new director of

football, will have agreed the

need to buy Lee Carsley, of

Derby County, or someone simi-

Villa, welcoming Bosnich home

but still without Yorke, need

Staunton, Southgate, Draper and

Taylor to shake off the bug - or

iliness could hand Spurs their

first win at Villa Park since 1986.

ASTON VILLA (possible: 3-5-2). M Bosnich — U Priogu. G Soutingate, S Statution — G Charles, M Draper, I Taylor, S Grayson, A Winght — S Collymore, S Mitosevic TOTTEN-HAM HOTSPUR (probable, 4-4-2): I Walker — S Carr, C Calderwood, S Campbell, C Wilson — R Fox, D Anderton, A Nielsen, A Sinton — D Ginola, L Ferdinand Referee; A Wilse.

■ TELEVISION: Today: Live on Sky Sports 1, from 4pm.

Collymore charged, page 3

■ PREDICTION: Villa to win

lar, to pep up the midfield.

Leicester's attack seems to be PREDICTION: A draw.





LIVERPOOL LEEDS UNITED



Evans will be aware, also that Friedel must play enough first-team games to justify the permit, otherwise he will be thrown out of the country in 12 months' time.

moral outrage.

Paul Ince should return for Liverpool after a groin prob-Carragher.

PREDICTION: Leeds to continue their surge with a victory.

that matter. Defeat, though, could leave Coventry in what is traditionally the worst place to be at this time of year, other than bottom. Of the 19 clubs relegated since the Pre-

Newcastle United's role as the

only club to leave Upton Park this





WEST HAM UNITED

of the season.

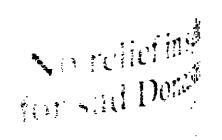
witness Middlesbrough, Queens mier League was formed, li were Park Rangers and Crystal Palace.

Coventry, though, are master escapologists and called to the

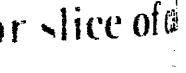
Boateng made an impressive midfield debut against Liverpool last weekend but Moldovan will not make his first appearance until the new year. West Ham may give a debut to Bernard Lama, the France goalkeeper, who signed on loan this week

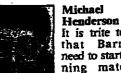
■ PREDICTION: United v City. Just as you would expect a Manchester derby to go. A United win.

or slice of









a dynamic midfield force.

It is trite to say that Barnsley need to start winning matches, and soon, if they are to retain their

Peter Robinson

It is the day after

Christmas, the

washing-up has

been cleared and

the neighbours

are popping in

around lunch-

time for a seasonal drink. All very

civilised - but then your neigh-

bours are probably not like the

Wimbledon family. If there is a

party to poop, they are there,

setting up camp in the lounge.

ghetto-blaster at full volume and

bottles strewn over the carpet.

Chelsea would probably prefer

Chelsea are unlikely to relish

this kind of game. Remember the

clash with Leeds United a couple

of weeks ago, when Chelsea could

anyone else to visit them today.

place in the Premiership. Everybody expected them to be rooted to the bottom at Christmas. It is more pertinent to say that Bolton Wanderers must start to collect points in threes if they are not to return whence they came.

Although they have lost but once at home, Bolton have scored only eight goals in nine matches at the Reebok Stadium, and only le goals in all. This is not what Colin Todd, their manager, had in mind when he recruited Dean Holdsworth for £3.5 million, and





BOLTON WANDERERS

BARNSLEY Today, 12.0 (sold out)

brought in Peter Beardsley to lend an experienced hand. Nathan Blake, their leading scorer. still misses far too many chances. Bolton were promoted as champions, playing some mar-vellous football, and they are clearly not going to surrender

their status without a fight. Their disciplinary record attests to that. If they fail to beat Barnsley, who won the match at Oakwell in September, Bolton will be entitled to feel worried. Their defence ships far too much water.

As they seem unable to win away, it is imperative that Bolton keep grinding out points at home. where they have beaten Chelsea. and held Manchester United and Liverpool. Whatever happens, it is unlikely to be a game that lives in the memory.

BOLTON WANDERERS (possible, 4-4-2). K Bransgen — G. Bergsson, M. Fish, A. Todi, M. Whitow. — P. Frandsen, J. Poltock, A. Thompson, S. Selars. — D. Hoidsworth, N. Bieles. BARNSLEY (possible, 3-5-2). L. Lesse. — A. de Zeeuw, P. Markstedt, A. Moses. — N. Eaden, E. Tinider, N. Rediearn, D. Bermard, M. Appleby. — A. Ward, A. Luddett. Referser, S. Durin

PREDICTION: Two apiece.



CHELSEA WIMBLEDON Today, 12.0 (sold out)

entire half? If anyone can play with the same bloody-minded defiance, it is Wimbledon. The abandonment of Wimbledon's home game with Arsenal on Monday because of floodlight failure meant Ceri Hughes did not score against nine men for an not complete his ban and is

therefore unavailable today. The Dons also have Perry suspended and, with injuries as well, they may be inspired by the spirit of "everything is against us, but we don't care" that has served them so well in the past. Quite what Chelsea's team will

be is anybody's guess. There are

injuries that restrict the options

available to Ruud Gullit, the

manager — no Babayaro, for

example, and no Poyet - but that will not stop him from springing a surprise or two. CHELSEA (possible, 4-4-2): E de Goey — F Snoldt, M Dubory, F Leboeut, G Le Soux — D Petrescu, D Wise, R Di Matteo, M Nicholis — G Zole, G Valli. WIMEL EDON (probable, 4-4-2): N Sullivan — B Thetcher, A Reevies, D Blackwell, A Kimbia — N Ardley, V Jones, R Earle, M Geyle — C Con, A Clarks. Roferner, G Willard

■ PREDICTION: Chelsea win.



Today, 3.0 (sold out)



Matt Dickinson David James has just completed 200

games for Liverpool, but will he make it to 201? The arrival of Brad Friedel on Merseyside has placed a large question mark over his career, although it has been weeks, if not months, since he was guilty of one of his

infamous blunders. It is hard to believe that Roy Evans, the Liverpool manage er, will have gone to such lengths to sign Friedel for El million from Columbus Crew. battling through endless bureaucracy to secure the United States international's work permit, if he was not convinced that he is the better man.

Whether Friedel is ready to be hurled into the fray after just a few days of training and the disruptions of the Christmas programme is uncertain. though, and James may keep his place for a while longer.

He is likely to have plenty of opportunities to prove his worth against a Leeds side who show no signs of ending their remarkable climb to prominence. Five wins and two draws in their past seven games send them into the game today fourth in the Premiership, above their opponents, and if they are earning a reputation for an overlyphysical approach on the way. George Graham, the manag-

er, will not care less. True, he did clamp down on those who sinned at Chelsea when they had two players sent off, but his anger will have been because they let the side down rather than for

lem, at the expense of Jamie

LIVERPOOL (pubbable: 4-4-2), D. James — R. Jones D. Metteo, B.T. Kvarme, S. Hardness — S. McManaman, J. Rodhrapp, P. Ince, O. Leonhardsen — M. Owen, R. Fowler
LEEDS UNITED (pubbable: 4-4-2), N. Marlyn — G. Halle, D. Wichlorall, R. Molenaar, G. Kefy — R. Wellace, D. Hopkin, D. Robertson, A.I. Haaland — B. Ribero J.F. Hasselbaink, Referent: S. Lodge United's in repelling visiting teams. Coventry City, one goal and no points from their last three Premiership away matches, are hardly the opposition to end

season with full points, or any for TOMORROW

Brilliant insights or hopeless guesses? Check our writers' predictions against their Boxing Day match reports



lutely no prizes for guessing what Crystal Palace asked Santa for this Christmas: a home win. At their present rate, they are on

CRYSTAL PALACE course to beat the unwanted record of only one home victory in SOUTHAMPTON a league season, which is held jointly by Blackpool, Loughborough Town, Notts County and, surprisingly, Arsenal. Injuries to Padovano and Lombardo and the suspension of Edworthy will not help their cause, but decided on his best team something that Graeme Souness, Shipperley and Dyer are expected his predecessor, never quite

Southampton have been play-



Today, 12.0 Palace's home one) suggests. David Jones, the manager, has

managed - although that XI

useful. CRYSTAL PALACE (possible, 3-5-2) K Miller — A Linighan, P Warhurst, H Headersson — J Fullanton, A Roberts, S Rodger, N Emblen, D Gordon — B Dvcr, N Shrppenley SOUTHAMPTON (probable, 4-3-1-2) P Jones — J Dodd, k Monkou, C Lundokvam, F Benafi — C Peimer, K Richardson, M Oxidey — M Le Tester — D Hirst, K Davies (or E Ostenstad) Referee; P Alcock.

ing better than their away record may yet be disturbed by the PREDICTION: Not today, Pal-(which is almost as bad as hamstring injury that forced ace. A draw.

by Tomasson, who was on the



Neil Harman In a bygone era of football Christmas Day, it

that teams would play the return fixture on the and exhausting 26th. Tales abide of exhausting train fourneys and bed and breakfast accommodation in a mood of joyous festive frolic. Derby County and Newcastle

United will be meeting for the second time in just over a week and where is the fun in that? Not much when Derby have gone two games without conceding a goal and Newcastle two without

scoring.
Jim Smith, the Derby manager, had become exasperated as his team threw goals and points



DERBY COUNTY NEWCASTLE UNITED Today, 3.0 (sold out)

away, so the recent stiffening of their resolve has delighted him. He shares with Alex Ferguson the only unbeaten home record in the Premiership; indeed, only Newcastle have won at Pride Park, in the fourth round of the Coca-Cola

Cup last month, courtesy of a goal

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Today, 3.0

visiting. At least Peter Atherton

Many pundits still rate Black-

returns from suspension.

bench for the 1-0 defeat by Manchester United on Sunday and might struggle to win back his place, for Kenny Dalglish seems likely to again use Barnes operating just behind Asprilla. There could be a defensive reorganisation because Albert pulled a hamstring on Sunday.

Derby hope to have Sturridge back to join forces with Baiano and Wanchope, who have scored 17 league goals between them.

DERBY COUNTY (probable, 4-3-1-2) M Poom—G Rower, C Powerl, D Powerl, I Surrac — L Carsley, S Erano, J Loursen — F Basno — D Sturndge, P Wanchope NEWCASTLE UNITED (possible; 5-3-1-1) S Hislop — W Barron, S Warson, D Peacock, S Pearoe, A Pistone — K Gillespie, D Berry, T Kelsbear — J Barries — F Asprilla Referee: M Reed

PREDICTION: Derby to win by a couple.

though not quite of sow's ear-silk

purse proportions. Rovers have

lost only twice this season and

appear to possess the stickability

required to push United, and

Chris Sutton is back from

suspension and should partner

Kevin Gallacher, Damien Duff,

is, would usually stand down but

such is the form of the boy from

Ballyboden, one of Ireland's fin-

est prospects, that Jason Wilcox is

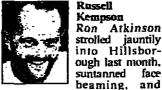
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (possible, 4-4-2) F
Pressman — I Nolan, J Newsome, D Walker, P
Affecton — G Whangham, W Collins, P Rudi, M
Pembridge — B Carbono, A Booth
BLACKBURN ROVERS (probable, 4-4-2) T
Rowers — J Kerna, S Henchoo, C Hendry, G
Crott — S Ricky, W McPinley, T Sherwood, D
Duff — C Sutton, N Gallacher

■ PREDICTION: Rovers to roll

relentlessly on.

likely to make way instead.

maybe Chelsea, all the way.



demonstrated.

Kempson Ron Atkinson strolled iauntily

ough last month, suntanned face beaming, and proceeded to lift the sagging spirits left by David Pleat's sad departure. Sheffield Wednesday might have been down but they were not out — as three Big Ron-inspired victories soon

Since then, though, they have lost 1-0 to West Ham United and 4-1 against Chelsea. The root cause of Wednesday's troubles may go much deeper than Atkinson first believed — as he could again discover this afternoon when Blackburn Rovers come a-

David Powell

Boxing Day is

best spent at

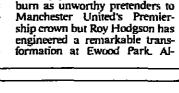
home for West

Ham United,

who have a re-

cord second only

to Manchester





COVENTRY CITY Today, 12.0 (sold out)

not in the drop zone after the Boxing Day programme, which marks the start to the second half

More often than not the club in seventeenth place goes down:

cause are George Boateng, a £250,000 buy from Feyenoord, and Viorel Moldovan, a £3.2 million Romania international.

WEST HAM UNITED (probable, 3-4-1-2) C
Forrest (or B Lama) — I Pearce, R Fardhand, D
Unsworth — A Impey, S Lamas, F Lampard, K
Rowland — E Berkows — P Kitson, J Harrson,
COVENTRY CITY (possible; 4-4-2). M Hadman
— R Nileson, R Shaw, D Dublen, M Hall — P
Teller, B Boateng, T E Solivedi, W Boland — S
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BOXING DAY FOOTBALL

Gullit must be made to see his future resides with Chelsea

any more incentives to play well at the moment, with so much silverware at stake and with the championship race bubbling away. There is, though, also the little matter of convincing Road Gullit that he does not need to look beyond Stamford Bridge when he considers his long-term future.

There has been a lot of speculation recently about Ruud's plans heyond the summer and the fact that he has yet to sign a new contract with Chelsea. All the players know is that he is here until the end of the season. There

are no guarantees beyond that. Roud is his own man and he will make the decision that suits him and his family best. Who can blame him for that? I am confident, though, that when the time comes for him to make up his mind, he will see that Chelsea where his future happiness

For starters, there is the joy he takes — like so many of us foreigners at Stamford Bridge from living in London. It is a wonderful city with so much to explore and enjoy, and one of the biggest advantages for such a revered, and instantly recognisable, figure like Ruud is that you don't get pestered.

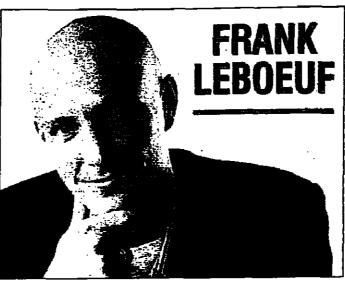
Sure, people recognise you walk-ing down the street, but they rarely hassle you and it is such a big place that it is easy to keep your head down. Much more so, say, than somewhere like Milan.

The other reason for Ruud to stay here is the football. He is such a perfectionist when it comes to the job and, while everything is going so well for us at the moment with a Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final, and the FA Cup. Coca-Cola Cup and Premiership to fight for, he is the type who is always striving for improvement.

I honestly believe that, on our day, Chelsea can play the best football in the country but in Ruud's eyes, the job is only half done until we win the championship. That is the standard he insists is shared by the players.

It would be so very, very sad if Ruud decided to leave Chelsea because he is a man, and a manager, you cannot help but respect, a football legend. It was encouraging to hear him talk recently, though, of long-term plans for the club and I believe he can still see so much potential to explore here, on and off the pitch where the new stand is taking

shape.
Yes, things are going very well for us all at Stamford Bridge, but hopefully there is much more to



come. I am confident Ruud will be there when it happens.

■ World-class talent West Ham fans probably do not realise it yet, but their club has just signed a player of world-class talent for nothing. I am talking about Bernard Lama, an old friend

France team. As a goalkeeper, Bernard is up there with the best and I believe he can be involved in the World Cup. Fabien Barthez, who plays for AS Monaco, is at present the first choice, but I know Aimé Jacquet,

of mind and a colleague in the

the coach, rates Bernard very highly and hopefully this move to London will push his career back

in the right direction. It has been widely publicised that Bernard was banned for testing positive for cannabis, something that caused him much trouble in France, where he played for Paris Saint-Germain. He could have stayed there, but decided it would be better to have a clean start elsewhere after all the fuss. Let me make it absolutely clear

straightaway that I do not approve of drugs and, personally, would not want to go anywhere near them. We all know their potentially harmful effects.

I find it amazing, though, that a footballer, or any sportsman, should be banned for smoking a drug that no one in their right mind would regard as performance enhancing. Of course, a footballer, or any member of the public, must expect a fine if they are caught with drugs, because that is what the law dictates.

It seems so incredibly harsh, though, that it should then lead to a player being suspended for weeks or months. It does not happen if they are found guilty of some other offence unrelated to the sport and, I repeat, no one would smoke a joint in the hope of playing better football. It is not cheating, so why should his career be punished?

It was still a silly mistake by Bernard and one he regrets. Hopefully, now, though, he will be able to concentrate on his career because he is a top-class player

and a good team man.
It is not often that anyone of his ability becomes available. He has signed until the end of the season and this could be a big year for him with the World Cup coming up. I am confident West Ham have got themselves a bargain.

Fascinating signing Another foreigner who has just joined we exiles in England — in

case you had not noticed! - is Jürgen Klinsmann and it has been fascinating to see the effect that he has already had at Tottenham Hotspur, where morale is now

nich I

sky-high. I played against Jürgen a couple of times when I was at Strasbourg and he was at Monaco so I know first-hand just how strong he is. I don't remember him diving, although that would be because he

sure I always won the ball! Although he is 33, he is a man who has always looked after his body - so I have no doubts that he can make a huge impact on the Premiership again. We do not play Spurs again until April, so I have plenty of time in which to learn his moves.

never had the chance - I made

It will be interesting to see how Christian Gross fits him into the team because most people would have agreed that it was in defence that Tottenham really needed to sign new players.

I did not get much of a chance to speak to Jürgen when we were in France but it might be good to have a chat now. I know he takes a keen interest in the environment and travel and they are both topics close to my own heart. It is that curiosity and love of exploration that has brought us both to England. The same could be said of Ruud and Bernard. It is a joy for us all to be here:

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1. Which cyclist, who won the Tour de France five times, announced his retirement? 2 Which weightlifter, who won a record three Olympic

titles, also retired? 3. How many matches in the one-day cricket series against England did Zimba-

4. Which bowler, known as "Chicken George", took a hattrick in the third one-day match between England and Zimbabwe?

5. Which Briton, who was banned for four years for taking anabolic steroids, returned to top-class athletics by beating Colin Jackson in a 60metres sprint in Birmingham? 6. Of whom was it said: "Whoever follows will not have the same charisma and popularity. There is no one in Europe who could follow him."?

7. Who said: "I am doing what is best for me," as he left his job as chief executive of a British sports body?

8. Whose rugby career was interrupted by a kidnev disorder? 9. When Martina Hingis

won the Australian Open, aged 16 years and three months, she became the youngest tennis player to win a grand-slam singles title since which British player?

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10. Who knocked Manchester United out of the FA Cup? 11. What was the job of Chris Doig immediately before he became the chief executive of New Zealand Cricket Inc?

12. Which heavyweight boxer said after losing a world title bout "Drugs and alcohol are a disease. I can't control the disease. I speak to my drugs counsellor daily."? 13. Who scored the only goal in the England v Italy World

Cup qualifying match at 14. In which sport did a South

Africa national coach resign after allegedly making racist 15. Which club did Roy Hodgson leave to become manager

of Blackburn Rovers? 16. What fate befell Alberto Tomha when he was defending his giant slalom title at the championships in Sestriere?

17. Where did Tomba finish in the slalom?

18. Who won the five nations' international between England and France at Twicken-19. Which jockey, winner of 18

Classics, announced his retirement from racing? 20. Which triple jumper, who was only included in the Great

Britain team when she threatened legal action against her original omission, won a silver medal in the world indoor championships in Paris?

21. Which two FA Carling Premiership footballers were asked by Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, to make a public reconciliation after an on-field clash? 22. Oxford and Cambridge



universities celebrated their centenary boxing match in 1997. In the early days, the annual fixture consisted of contests in boxing and which other sport? 23. Which horse won the Chel-

tenham Gold Cup? 24. In the five nations' championship, which two countries conceded more points than ever before?

25. Which university won the 143rd Boat Race?

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26. Which footballer, who plays for an Italian club, paid the travel costs of his country's national team to play a World Cup qualifying game in

27. Which horse won the Grand National? 28. Who beat Manchester United in the European Cup semi-

29. Which international sports event, staged annually in Britain, had entries from 74 mem-



A. Which cricketers went batty in a NatWest Trophy semi-final?

bers of the clergy (including three women) and 375 housewives (including 364 women)? 30. How many Englishmen were chosen by Wisden among their five Cricketers of

31. Of whom was it said by a previous winner of the event: This guy, he's in a trance I think we can all go home

32. Who scored the winner for Leicester City in the Coca-Cola Cup final replay?

33. Of whom did John Major say: "It wasn't just the game he played. It was the way he played it. Quite literally, he is

Test your knowledge on the milestones and misfortunes that made 1997 such a year to remember and you may be the winner of a methuselah of Moët & Chandon champagne. The sender of the first all-correct entry drawn — or if necessary the entrant with the most correct answers drawn -- will receive the champagne, worth £250. The six runners-up will receive Visions of Football, a celebration of the work of the Allsport photographic agency. Visions of

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irreplaceable and the way he played will last for as long as the game of cricket itself."?

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34. Which American basketball player wrote in his autobiography that he wanted to change his name to

35. Who won the world snooker championship? 36. What species of fish was refused as a record after being caught in an Essex pond, weighing 99lb and being 7ft in length, unless it could be

proved that the lake was stocked legally? 37. How many tries were scored in the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham? 38. Which make of car won the

Monaco Grand Prix for the first time since 1981? 39. Which former Olympic athletics finalist helped Chelsea to prepare for the FA Cup

40. Which jockey was banned for four weeks for taking an amphetamine? 41. Which American female

runner was found to have been allowed to compete in the 1996 Olympics despite having allegedly failed a drugs test? 42. Who became the youngest England cricketer for

43. Over what distance did Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson meet in a race to decide which athlete was the faster sprinter?

44. Which Shropshire and former Warwickshire all-rounder was banned from professional cricket for 22 months for taking cocaine? 45. Who wrote on the front of

her T-shirt "Power is nothing" and on the back the words Without control after causing an upset in the French Open tennis championships? 46. Which England bowler took five wickets as Australia were bowled out for 118 on the opening day of the first Test at

Edebaston? 47. Which England batsman made 207 in the first Test? 48. Who won the men's singles title at the French Open tennis championships?

by? 50. Who became the first Briton to receive a peerage for his



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51. In which round of the men's singles at Wimbledon did Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski lose?

52. Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde won the men's doubles again at Wimbledon. How many consecutive years have the pair won the title?

53. To which club did Juninho move from Middlesbrough? 49. Which horse won the Der-54 Who won the third rugby union international between the British Isles and South

of the death of which British cyclist on the Tour de France was commemorated on July

56. Who finished sixth in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, so securing his first points of the Formula One season?

57. Which county won the Benson and Hedges Cup final

58. Who was controversially not picked for the individual 400 metres in Britain's team for the world athletics champi-59. Which former winner had before withdrawing from the Open golf championship? 60. Which country produced a Tour de France winner for the

AUGUST 61. How many gold medals

first time?

did Britain win at the world athletics championships in

62. Which Manchester United player had his name misspelt on his shirt for the Charity Shield at Wembley? 63. Who, in Premiership foot-

ment in France, targeted by a spectator shining a laser beam in his eyes? 84. Who was the Cuban pitch-

> World Series? 85. How many years after the club was formed did Florida Marlins win the World Series?

86. In which sport did a match between Marie Davies and Marie Leefe make history? 87. Who was sacked as manager of Sheffield Wednesday? 88. Which club knocked Liver-

threaten to expel from interna-tional football if it introduced pool out of the Uefa Cup? legislation about the adminis-65. Who broke Sebastian Coe's 66. Which country won the League?

Admiral's Cup for the first 67. Which British swimmer lifting championship? won the European 200 metres

freestyle title? 68. Who said in Seville: "I'm very, very proud of what I have done here. I don't accept that I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't. I have never

SEPTEMBER

felt like I wanted to quit this."

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64. Which country did João

Havelange, the Fifa president.

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300 metres world record?

69. Which Spanish golfer was controversially excluded from the Europe Ryder Cup team when he refused to confirm his fitness?

70. Which country initially decided to continue staging a World Cup qualifying game on the day of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales? 71. Which city was awarded the 2004 Olympic Games? 72 Which county won the NatWest Trophy final at Lord's?

73. Who beat Greg Rusedski in the men's singles final at the US Open?

74. Who remains the last Briton to win a grand-slam men's singles title?

75. Who was booed before the kick-off between England and Moldova at Wembley after predicting that England would not win the World Cup? 76. Which British boxer said about his return to his ring under a new promoter: "In the past, I always wanted to olease myself. But now I'm going to please the fans. To do that I'm prepared to fight the best in the world."? 77. Who won the Ryder Cup?

OCTOBER

78. Which British woman won the Chicago Marathon for the second successive year? 79. Which famous British sportsman was found to be suffering from diabetes at the age of 35?

80. Which Test cricketer was charged with refusing to give a urine sample for a drugs test? 81. Which English club had to play the away leg of a European competition in Norway in heavy snow? 82. Who won the European

Grand Prix in Jerez when Jacoues Villeneuve took the Formula One world drivers' championship? 83. In which sport was an Australian player, taking part

in an international tourna-

Player award in baseball's

er who won the Most Valuable

NOVEMBER

89. Who scored a hat-trick for Manchester United against Feyenoord in Rotterdam in the European Cup Champions'

90. Which former international marathon runner represented Britain in a world power-

91. Who accepted an invitation to become the honorary pa-tron of France Cricket, the governing body in that coun-92. In which round did

Evander Holyfield stop Michael Moorer for the WBA and IBF heavyweight titles? 93. Which town simultaneous-

ly had football clubs whose men's team were bottom of the Nationwide League and top of the Women's Premier League? 94. Which England rugby union player stood nose-tonose with Norman Hewitt during the haka before the match against the All Blacks at Old Trafford?

DECEMBER

95. Which country will England play in their first game in the 1998 World Cup finals in



C. Which goalkeeper blamed his failings on an addiction to video games?

96. In which sport did New Zealand beat England 47-35? 97. Which boxer returned to the ring at the age of 38 and outpointed Vinny Pazienza, of the United States, in a supermiddleweight bout? 98. Which former Leeds Uni-

ted and Scotland international footballer died this month? 99. Cambridge won the University rugby union match. How many of this annual fixture have they now won in succession?

100. Which family threatened

to pull out of British horse

racing because of the sport's financial situation?

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Rough Quest looks ripe for revenge

WITH the accent likely to be on stamina rather than speed at Kempton today after an inch of rain in the past 72 hours, conditions are ripe for another upset in the Pertemps King George VI Chase.

Even on his favoured good ground. One Man would make limited betting appeal at short odds in a race which is unlikely to be run to suit him. In the softer conditions - and with the ideal number of runners for an each-way wager — the value definitely lies elsewhere.

In recent years, today's feature race has produced more than its fair share of shocks the French trio of Algan. The Fellow and Nupsala at double figure prices, not to mention a certain Desert Orchid who obliged at lo-l in 1986 - and

RICHARD EVANS Nap: Solsgirth

(3.10 Ayr)

Solsgirth's two successes have both come at Ayr and the form of his chasing debut victory last time has worked out well. Open to further improvement he can beat Master Bayard at

Next best: Lake Kariba (2.55 Kempton Park)

the pair that make most appeal in these conditions are Rough Quest and See More Business, available at around 8-1 and 16-1 respectively.

Rough Quest, second to Imperial Call in the 1996 Cheltenham Gold Cup before winning the Grand National. was runner-up behind One Man here last year on unsuitably firm going. Terry Casey's soft-ground lover injured his near-fore in that race and did not appear again until putting up a cracking performance 13 days ago behind The Grey Monk at Haydock, where he was not given a hard time once beaten

Although he could not be covered up in the small field, as the ll-year-old prefers. Rough Quest jumped superbly and was travelling better than the winner approaching the final fence before lack of race fitness took its toll on the



Softer conditions should help Rough Quest take his revenge over One Man in the King George VI Chase at Kempton today

run-in. Significantly, the time asked by the in-form Mick performances returned by the Fitzgerald to deliver his challwinner and runner-up — after taking into account weight carried and the softish ground were among the best achieved by any chasers this

Rough Quest, who appears to have progressed since Havdock, travels every bit as well as One Man during a race and he should be able to sit comfortably just off the likely fast pace before being

enge late on. See More Business needs to

improve to win but the Paul Nicholls-trained seven-yearold is still relatively unexposed over fences and possesses a touch of class. In Ireland last term, he was runner-up twice to Dorans Pride, ante-post favourite for this season's Cheltenham Gold Cup, deweight and jumped better when winning a fast-run Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow 20 days ago, and in Andrew Thornton he has the assistance of one of the most improved jockeys around.

Suny Bay has obvious form claims, judged on his victories in the Edward Hanmer Chase and Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, but Charlie Brooks has not sent out a winner since the spite some indifferent jump-Newbury meeting and his ing. He gave away lumps of string is under a cloud.

Barton Bank is a model of consistency but would prefer berter ground, along with the in-form Senor El Betrutti. Challenger Du Luc is another who travels well in his races and will appreciate a strong pace, but the Martin Pipe runner may be at his best over shorter trips. All of which

leaves One Man. Winner of 15 of his 19 completed starts over fences, he has been giving all the right signals to Gordon Richards recently. However, the secret to his success is a high cruising speed, which enables him to see off his rivals without having to battle. The testing ground today will not help his cause and, more importantly, he will struggle to get the likes of Rough Quest off the bit.

As he has shown in the past, One Man finds precious little if it comes to a battle - and Rough Quest is my choice to

FORM GUIDE TO THE NINE CONTENDERS

2.20 PERTEMPS KING GEORGE VI CHASE

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SETTING: 5-4 One Man. 9-4 Suny Bay. 5-1 Batter, Barb. 8-1 Rough Cuest. 16-1 Challenger Du Luc. See More Statings, 20-1 Serce El Betrum. 50-1 Opeddat, 65-1 Yorkshing Cale. 1996: ONE MAN 8-11-10 R Dummoct, (8-13 ftm) G Richards 5 ran

HEREFORD

12.35 Shore Party, 1.05 Fitzmaurics, 1.35 Weather Wise, 2.05 Raphael Bodine, 2.35 Lord Nitrogen, 3.05 Freddie Muck, 3.35 Studio Thirty,

THUNDERER

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12.35 GOOSE NOVICES HURDLE

(Div I 52,178 2m 3f 110yd) (16 runners)

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CHALLENGER DU LUC 8I 2nd of 9 to Senor El Betrutti (6lb worse off) in handicap chase at Chellenham (2m 5I, good); previously neck 2nd of 4 to Callisoe Bay in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4I, good to soft); previously 3I 2nd of 9 to Senor El Betrutti (9lb worse off) in handicap chase at Chellenham (2m 4I 110td cood). at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good).

DJEDDAH pulled up in grade III handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft) with Yorkshire Gale (6lb worse off) pulled up; previously 10t 5th of 13 to Menmont in chase at Auteuil (2m 7f 110yd, good to soft), previously 10t 98th of 17 to Tideliosk in hurdle at Auteuil (2m 3f 110yd, good).

2.05 TOTE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

1 2-51 WANYARIEN WAY 15 (G,S) N Honderson 6-11-10
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HURDLE (\$2,934, 2m 1t) (12)

ONE MAN beat Viking Flagship 9t in 6-runner grade it chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good); previously beat Barton Bank (levels) 2½ in 4-runner grade it chase at Wetherby (3m 1f, good to firm); previously pulled up in grade it chase at Aintree (3m 1f, good); previously 35i 8th of 14 to Mr Mulligan in grade it Gold Cup at Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good).

ROUGH QUEST 8. 2nd of 4 to The Grey Monk in chase at Haydock (3m, good to soft); previously 12! 2nd of 5 to One Man (levels) in grade I King George VI Chase at Kempton (3m, good to firm) with Barton Bank (levels) 21! 3rd; previously beat Destin D'Estruval ½! in 14-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 4! 110yd, good); previously beat Encore Un Peu 1 ¼ in 27-runner grade III Grand National at Aintree (4m 4!, good).

SEE MORE BUSINESS beat Indian Tracker 41 in 6-runner grade il handicap chase at Chepstow (3m, soft): previously 18l 3rd of 10 to Suny Bay (2lb worse off) in handicap chase at Haydock (3m, good), previously fell in grade III handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft); previously 61 2nd of 4 to Dorans Pride in grade II novice chase at Leopardstown (2m 5t, good). SENOR EL BETRUTTI beat Challenger Du Luc (6ib better off) 81 in 9-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good); previously beat Challenger Du Luc (9ib better off) 31 in 9-runner grade III handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f 110yd, good); previously 151 2nd of 3 to Simply Dashing in handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good to lirm).

SUNY BAY beat Berton Bertk (Sit better off) 13i in 14-runner grade III handicap chase at Newbury (3m 21 110yd, good to soft) with Djeddah (12lb worse off) putied up; previously beat General Wolfe 11i in 10-runner handicap chase at Haydock (3m, good) with See More Business (2b better off) 18I 3rd; previously 25I 2rd of 36 to Lord Gyllene in grade III Grand National at Antires (4m 4t, good); previously beat Into The Red 19I in 5-runner grade III handicap chase at Haydock (3m 4t 110wt good). chase at Haydock (3m 4f 110yd, good).

YORKSHIRE GALE beat Stormtracker 24 in 5runner handicap chase at Chelterhem (3m 1f 110yd, good); previously pulled up in grade ill handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft); previously fell in grade ill handicap chase at Sandown (3m 5f 110yd, good to soft).

HUNTINGDON

12.30 Dominos Ring. 1.00 Garethson. 1.30 The Brewer. 2.00 Gerns Lad. 2.30 Edmond. 3.00 Fenwick's Brother, 3.30 Melton Made.

12.30 CHRISTMAS TIDE NOVICES CHASE

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2.00 BEDFORD LODGE HOTEL HANDICAP CHASE

1 -212 GEMS LAD 163 (BF.F.G) Mrs S Smeh 18-11-10 ... M Richards
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3 -220 BARDY HILL LAD 20 (8) C Mortock 7-10-12

4 G-3 CARAS ROSE 48 Ms. P Powns 5-10-12

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6 QLD COTTESMORE 345 Ms. A E Januari B-10-12

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3.00 BOXING DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,697, 2m 110yd) (8)

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1 11-0 PERSIAN ELITE 57 (BF.F.G) C Exerton E-12-0 ... J.A. McCarlby
2 4311 AMRIURN BOY 17 (D.F.G.) 1 Whitams 10-11-2 ... R Thomton
3 291- SLEAZEY 212 (D.F.) J.O No. 0 6-11-2 ... S Corron
4 2-6 ASSOLUTE LIMIT 16 (D.F.) J. Gibed 5-10-9 ... L Aspect (3)
5 25-P MAHLA 31 (D.S. R Pholics 7-10-5 ... D. Leader
6 0250 DAYS OF THERIDER 37 (D.F.G. Mas S Ordel 9-10-2 B Califord
7 412 FERMACK'S EROTHER 8 (P) Mas S Smith 7-10-1
8 Williamson (5) S 4/6- ALCOVE 462 S Joenson Houghton 6-10-0 Milchael Brennen (3)

7-4 Autum Box, 3-1 Ferunci s Bretter, 7-2 Persian Ellia, 5-1 Steatry, 12-1 Days, C. Thurder, 25-1 McChies Lond, Alcohol 33-1 Natita 3.30 MISTLETOE STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL

HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,508: 2m 110yd) (19)

AMERICAN STYLE 18:11 Micros 5:11-4
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5-2 Summagum, 7-1 in The Van The Captain's Lady, 5-1 set Spec 12-1 Selboro Chary, 14-1 Markon Made, Running Weiger, 16-1 cohers

KEMPTON PARK

2.20 Rough Cruest 2.55 Lake Kariba 1.10 Ottowa 3.25 FRIENDSHIP (nap) 1.45 Doctoor

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.20 SUNY BAY.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

Pacecard number. Six-ligans form if — fall. P — pulled up. U — unconsider rider. B — brought down. S — sipped up. R — refused. D — decapabilitied). Horse's name. Days since last outloor, F if fall. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hoor. E — Epschield. C — course winner. D — declares winner. CD — course and distance. women. Of — bester towards in little face). Going on which force has won if — from good to being to which types has want in — train good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to self, heavy). Canter in because Trainer Are and weight. Rater plus any affordance. The Times Timescept is speed rating

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

12.40 PERTEMPS CATERING NOVICES HURDLE

(£6,938: 2m) (7 runners) 12 ZARALASKA 22 (EF.D.S) (Lady Harris) D Nichelcon E-11-10 A Magaine BARON FERDINANO SOF (Lady Robechie) R Czentari 7-11-5 C Lievellyn 12 BETTER OFFER 22 (BF.D.F) (Lady Harrison Lies A Penet 5-11-5 O SATONS SOFT PRIVATE ON 17 (Ant. D Winterman) J Staffer 5-11-5 O SATONS SOFT PRIVATE ON 17 (Ant. D Winterman) J Staffer 5-11-5 O Bridgwater Sp-411 SHMFRUE 22 (D.F.G) (Ans. E Marrian) G L Macon 4-11-5 A P McCoy 10-40F GRAFIARTE 18 (D.F.) U Vasically F Osumen (F1 4-11-0 Me T Doumen

. 1996: SANMARTINO 4-11-5 A Maguire (100-30; & Michiglicus & can

Zaraiaska 41 2nd of 10 to Wantoa Sands in novoce hurdle at Laiceste (2m, 50tt), previously heat Kurakia 111 in 10-name novoce hurdle at Wantoa (2m) lightly raced since. Better Offer neck 2nd of 15 to George Bull novice hurdle at Wantoa (2m) lightly raced since. Better Offer neck 2nd of 15 to George Bull novice hurdle at Wantoa (2m) 16yd, good to firm). Flying the pulled up or novice hurdle at Hurdingdon (2m 110yd, good), previously 1/41 3rd of 14 to lists Banker in NH flat race at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to 50m). Montroe 141 5th of 21 to Country Beau in source burdle at Sandoan (2m 110yd, good to 50m). Strahmur heat Bullfloch 21 in 16-numer novice hurdle at Windson (2m, good) Etrahamte tell in hurdle at English (2m 11 110yd, good); previously 211 7th of 19 to Fadalito in hurdle at Auteuit (2m 11 110yd, soft).

ZARALASKA is a classy recruit to hundling and cannot be opposed

1.10 PERTEMPS CITY NETWORK FELTHAM NOVICES CHASE (Grade I: £22,410: 3m) (7 runners)

21/12-2 SENGERS INCOR 21 (D.G.S.) (4 Townshend) P Nicholis 6-11-7 (279-12 BLLORY 31 (D.G.) (4 Topper) R Rower 7-11-7 (241-F11 FOREST N'ON'Y 28 (D.G.S.) (Old Foresters Pines) D Nicholson 6-11-7 412-112 OTTOMA 15 (DF.G.S.) (P Barber) P Nicholis 7-11-7 (1-7) (1 nd Johnson 6-11-7 A.P. McCon

Bempers Moor neck 2nd of 5 to Wise King in novice chase at Sandown (2m 4/ 110yd, good). Forest heavy beat Cash Flow good to soft), previously beat Maybe O'Grady 171 in 6-runner novice chase at Wetherty (3m 11, good). Pentiands Flyer beat Maybe O'Grady 171 in 6-runner novice chase at Wetherty (3m 11, good). Pentiands Flyer beat Marica 23t in 5-runner novice chase at Ketsu (3m 11, good): previously beat Wet Appointed beatern a distance in 7-runner novice chase at Catiste 12m 4/ 110yd, imm) Shottesis tell in novice chase at Kempton (2m 4/ 110yd, good). Previously beat Short (1m 6-runner novice chase at Kempton (2m 4/ 110yd, good). Fickling The Facts beat Ottowa (7lb better off) 31/61 in 5-runner novice chase at Kempton (2m 4/ 110yd, good). Fickling The Facts beat Ottowa (7lb better off) 31/61 in 5-runner novice chase at Kempton (2m 4/ 110yd, good).

FOREST IVORY faces his stillest tack so far, but will be hard to beat

.45 NETWORK PERSONNEL HANDICAP HURDLE

1996: ALBENONE 7-10-50 T Kent (6-4 tay) Mrs J Cecil 4 rao

Sever Groom 251 10th of 21 to Major James in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good); previously 131 8th of 18 to Carlito Brigantia in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good); previously 131 8th of 18 to Carlito Brigantia in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good) with foliar Chellenham (2m 11 good) with foliar Chellenham (2m 12 4th and Doctor (4th better off) putted up. Secret Spring 251 11th of 17 to Mr Party in bandicap hurdle at Chellenham (2m 110yd, good) previouslyfell in novice chase at Kerapton (2m, good to soft); Bless Mc Sister 391 2nd of 8 to Kadastrol in novice chase at Kerapton (2m, good to soft); Bless Mc Sister 391 2nd of 8 to Kadastrol in novice chase at Kerapton (2m, good to soft); previously 61 4th of 9 to Hotel Minesta in grade I novice burdle at Punchestown (2m, good) soft). Seresus beat Namodoiaj 21 in 7-numer transicap hurdle at Huntingson (2m 110yd, good); previously 261 14th of 28 to Commanche Court in grade I hurdle, at Chellenham (2m 11, good).

SERENUS is progressing well and can add to his Huntingdon success

2.20 PERTEMPS KING GEORGE VI CHASE (Grade I: £64,375: 3m) (9 runners) -

RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE LEFT

2,55 NETWORK DESIGN INTERNATIONAL HOVICES CHASE

Serio de Santa de Corpo, espirante por la company de l BETTRES: 15-8 Kadastrof, 8-4 Leka Karita, 7-2 Zebadi, 7-1 John Drumm, 12-1 Ambieskie, 20-1 Islen

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Kadestrof beat Charming Gerf 41 in 6-mmar novice chase at Ludiow (2m. good); previously beat John Drumm (2th better off) 71 in 5-mmer novice chase at Warwick (2m. good to soil). Later Kamba beat Termissee King 12 in 6-mmer novice chase at Uttoseter (2m. soil); previously beat Romanzar 251 in 4-mmer novice chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soil) with Ambieside (16 better off) unseated rider. Ambieside 161 4th of 6 to Stormy Passage in novice chase at Chepstow (2m 31 10yd, soil). Intermogic a distance last of 4 to Yubratee in translicap hundle at Krewton Abbot (2m 11 10yd, soil). Intermogic a purelled up inamicap hundle at Chepstow (2m 31 2m 4f 110yd, good to soil); previously feit to novice chase at Haydock (2m. soil).

LAKE KARBBA loves soft ground and carr continue his winning sequence

3.25 PERTEMPS DESIGNER HANDICAP HURDLE (£6,827: 3m 110yd) (6 numers)

icac: Chilton Set 9-12, Toby Brows 9-8, Decylogy 9-3. BETTING: 11-8 Daraydau, 5-2 Friendship. 11-2 Toby Brown, 8-1 Helte Demog. 10-1 Clifton Set. 12-1 Decylorg. 1996: TIM 6-10-8 M A Pitagerald (7-2) J Jentins 5 ran

Daraydan beal Mighty Moss 41 in 4-runner hundle at Chellenham (2m 41, good); previously beat Occold 81 in 3-runner hundle at Newtony (2m 91, good to farm). Friendship beal hord's Flutier 13m 12-runner handicap hundle at Sempton (2m 51, good to sort). Caltern Set 141 3rd of 7 to Matheod Castle in handicap hundle at Kempton (2m 51, good to sort). Caltern Set 141 3rd of 7 to Matheod Castle in handicap hundle at Kempton (2m 51, good to sort). Caltern Set 141 3rd of 7 to Matheod Castle in handicap hundle at Ascol (3m, soft) with Helle Denring (5th better oft) 23 4th. Toby Brown unseased rider in handicap hundle at Waveloc (2m 31, good to soit). Decytong 171 last of 2 to Simpson in handicap class at Worcester (2m 71 110yd, soft), previously 81 2nd of 8 to Bractenheath in novice hundle at Ascol (3m, soft).

FRIENDSHIP remains open to improvement and should appreciate this longer trip

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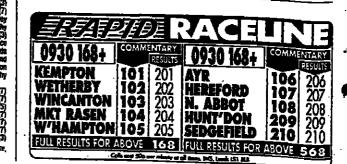
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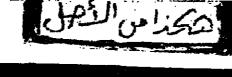
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Lake Kariba to sink Kadastrof

KEMPTON PARK CHANNEL 4

1.10: Forest Ivory was the best of these by some way over hurdles and it looks as though David Nicholson's well re-garded New Zealand-bred could be even better over fences. Since being stepped up to three miles, his jumping has improved and the form of his latest success at Bangor was boosted when the runner-up, Cash Flow, beat Spring Gale at Doncaster. Fiddling The Facts made a successful debut over fences at Lingfield when defeating Ottowa (who previously beat Eulogy at Worces-



Nicholson: fine chance

ter) and she should frank the form on 7lb worse terms. The biggest danger could be Bengers Moor, winner of three point-to-points, who made an encouraging chasing debut behind Wise King at Sandown and is entitled to improve for the run.

1.45 Secret Spring, a winner on the Flat last season and beaten only three lengths in the Cambridgeshire, is sure to attract support, having won here over course and distance. Although not disgraced on soft ground on his hurdling debut, the best performances have been achieved on a faster



FODAY'S RACING ON TELEVISION

surface. With a strong pace likely to be set by the front-running Noble Colours, this could be too much of a stamina test. Kingsfold Pet, sharper for a run over fences behind Kadastrof, is well hadnicapped on his form of two years ago and is a con-firmed mudlark. The Lady Herries-trained Tibetan has obvious claims after completing a double at Cheltenham when getting the better of Barna Boy. That form should give the in-form Nicky Henderson a clue as to the chances of Serenus, who won comfortably at Huntingdon on his seasonal reappearance despite looking backward. Gelded since last season, he is open to further improvement

2.20: see facing page

2.55: With Zabadi proving a shade disappointing this looks to be a match between Kadastrof and Lake Kariba. Both love the mud, but preference is for Lake Kariba, who had little more than a schooling session when winning at Uttoxeter last Saturday. The Paul Nicholls-trained runner had been a few kilos overweight so should be spot on here. Kadastrof had to work quite hard to beat Charming Girl on ground which was arguably too lively at Ludlow last time and is better judged on his course and distance success here in November.

RICHARD EVANS

Sparky Gayle seeks return to form

By Chris McGrath

APPROACHING half past two this afternoon, bookmakers will be busy revising their Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup prices — depending on the valour, or otherwise, with which Suny Bay and the like have just acquitted themselves in the Pertemps King George VI Chase. They would do well, however, not to be distracted from proceedings also underway at Wetherby. where Sparky Gayle carries top weight in the Rowland Meyrick Chase.

Sparky Gayle's impressive success in the Cathcart Chase last March not only crowned an exemplary first season over fences, in which he won all six races. For many, it also foreshadowed his return to the Festival in the spring, for the Gold Cup itself.

Such aspirations made him look a compelling proposition when he reappeared back in the Cotswolds last month, carrying just 10st 2lb in the Murphy's Gold Cup. While hindsight now permits one to think better of his fourth to Senor El Betrutti -- who has since confirmed himself greatly improved — the fact is that he no longer resembled a Gold Cup horse on his return

to the Scottish borders. In common with many of his stablemates in Lockerbie, however, Sparky Gayle proved to be suffering from an infection. Colin Parker, his trainer, is now optimistic that he can resume what had previously been a sustained record of progress. "He wasn't

right that day," he said. "Most of mine have been having problems, but the blood tests are okay and he has been

working well enough." Sparky Gayle has yet to have his stamina tested at today's distance, which he obviously needs to relish if he is to develop into a Gold Cup horse. "I think he'll get the trip," Parker said. "But now it's a long time again since he has run. And he has to give a lot of weight away."

Kempton and Wetherby apart, the Boxing Day pro-

Newton Abbot off

. THE Boxing Day programme suffered an early casualty when the meeting at Newton Abbot was called off on Christmas Eve because of waterlogging. It is the third year running that the fixture has been cancelled.

gramme is more about quantity than quality. Nonetheless, provincial courses thrive on days like this, when rural Britain clears its head in the raw outdoors - and tries to retrieve Christmas expenses.

With horseboxes heading to all points of the compass. journeyman jockeys pick up rides for top trainers, while local yards focus on their favourite courses. Huntingdon regulars, for instance, will be keeping an eye on Occold and Ernest William, from Geoff Hubbard's stable.

LEOPARDSTOWN'S BIG RACES

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

	1.30 0	ENNY JUVENILE HURDLE (Grade II: 3-Y-O: £9,675: 2m) (9 runners)
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Sparky Gayle hopes to make up for his disappointing Cheltenham run at Wetherby today

SEDGEFIELD

1.00 For Cathal. 1.30 Dark Oak. 2.00 Chipped Out. 2.30 Kildrummy Castle. 3.00 Brancher. 3.30 Diamond Beach.

GOING: SOFT

1.00 RED ONION NOVICES HURDLE (£2,355: 3m 3i 110yd) (7 runners)

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5	/F-P	FOREVER SHY 11 Mrs K Lamb 9-10-12 Mass 5 Lamb (7)
		KAKASHDA 9 J Howard Johnson 6-10-12 E Cataghan
7	P3P-	SELLY PET 243P C Pogson 7-10-12
		, 6-4 Beliebale, 7-1 MBI-Dol, B-1 Kalasahda, 33-1 Albeat, 50-1 Foresor

	1.30 KEN BRIGHT STELL GOING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,738: 3m 3f) (11)
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		/508	CADEAUX PREMERE 9 (8.17) D Seets 6-10-12
	4	50/U	CALLERONCY 25 (5) D Lamb 7-18-12 J Book
	5	1346	CASTLE RED 57 REP J Wade 5-10-12 K Johnson
	6		CROWDED HOUSE 248F (5) B Elfson 9-10-12 Mr R Ha
	7		DRAID'S WAY 627 M Peal 6-19-12
	8		EXECUTIVE DESIGN 43 (G,S) Mrs M Reactor 5-10-12 N Smi
	9	FD-4	JELS JOY 17 A Streets 6-10-12 T E
	10		RIMER CHALLENGE 20 (6) J Upson 6-10-12
	15		SILLARS STALKER 678 (0,5) Mrs Senatoral 9-10-12 Mr C Wilson
	12	/2-3	STAGE FRIGHT 21 F Murphy 6-10-12 E Callagha
	13	2-25	THE EARD O'DOMNELL 28 (G,S) Mrs A Maughton 11-30-12
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2.30 RENT ROLL CUP HANDICAP CHASE

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1	P211	THES IS MY LIFE 123 (D.F.S.) Mass M Madingan 8-11-10 E Callaghton
2	2134	MEARBLE MAN 34 (D.F.S) M Poli 7-11-5 D Bestley
		VAL DE RAMA 17 (CD.F.G) D Smith B-11-1 R Supple
4	0-43	SHAHERANI 48 (S) J Hubback 9-10-8
5	4125	XAPETE 10 (CD.F.6) N Maxon 5-10-7 L O'Hara
6	365-	POTATO MAÑ 300 (\$) 8 Elison 11-10-3 C McConnack (5)
7	25-4	KILDRIBBARY CASTLE 15 (D.F.) J FitzGerald 5-10-0 _ F Lenby (3)
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3	4614	BRANCHER 11 (F,G,S) J Timer 6-11-10
4	23-1	BITRAN 9 (6.5) B Rottagell 7-11-4 (7ex) Mr R I
5	1-33	STYLISH INTERIVAL 36 (C,F) 0 Sneeb 5-11-2 F Leahy
- 6	6/16	TOPOTHENORTH FLACING 29 (CD.F.S.S) P Beautood 7-11-2
		B Grattan
7	F-3P	AMAZING SAIL 23 (CO.F) Mass M Militiges 4-11-1 . D Ben
8	216/	KITTOCHSEDE LAD 596 (CDLF) Mis A Seriobarts 7-10-5 D Webb
9	P3-0	SPRING CALL 8 (CO.F) C Pegson 7-10-0 T Hogg
10	3015	DISSINGTON TIMES 23 (F,G) W McKetun 3-10-0 . K John
11	-550	SHELTON ABBEY 98 (B,CO,F,G,S) J Wade 11-10-0 E Callag
12	3406	BARNSTORMER 18 (B.F.6) E EDION 11-10-0 M H Haughton
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	4	11-0	KORSTENBOSCH 11 (D.F.S) L Lungo 10-10-13 C Dunez (7)
	5	5-43	DIAMONED STEACH 8 (S) 6 M Moore 4-10-12 E Calleghan
	6	/052	GENERAL'S ORDERS 11 (CD.F.S) J Tumer 6-10-0 R Supple
	7	P304	NOCATCHIM 23 (Y,CO,F,G,S) K Morgan 8-10-0 B Gratian (5)
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THUNDERER

12.55 Forzair. 1.25 Common Sound. 2.00 Hopeful Lord. 2.35 Neughty Future. 3.10 Master Bavard. 3.40

12.55 PORT N BRANDY SELLING HANDICAP

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1	SPF2	RALLEGIO 25 (D,G,S) P Montesth 8-12-8 Januarie (
2	-524	PARSON'S LODGE 18 (B.D.G) Longo 9-10-13 W Doming (7 FORZAIR 15 (BF.S) J.J. O'Nedi 5-10-13 R. McGrath (3			
3	14	FORZAIR 15 (BF,S) J.J. 07650 5-10-13 R MCGRAIN (
		Blazing tráil 18 (B.D.S) Miss L Russel 9-10-2 . D Pield (7			
5	0-00	MOUNTAIN DREAM 18 R Albe 4-10-0 J Callagha			
6	AP-0	SYLVAR CELEBRATION 18 J Golde 6-10-0			
7	5-00	HUICHES LAXIT 34 X MAXABET 3-10-U 8 9 5 2 2			
8	900	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 13 (B) J J 074ed 9-10-0 L Cooper (7			
9	BOFF	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 13 (B) J J O'Neal 9-10-0 L Cooper (7 MEADOWLECK 18 W Young 8-10-0			
10	œp-	POLAR WIND 223 N YAQQOL 8-10-0 M Fest			
13-8 Parson's Lodge, 11-4 Rationio, 7-2 Forzair, 8-1 Sagebrush Roller, 12-					
	in Drea	n, Misselowieck, 14-7 Sylvan Calebration. 16-1 others			

1.25 GOOSE NOVICES CHASE (£2,785: 2m) (9)
p-15 LA RAMERA 16 (D,F) J Charton 5-11-4 . Mr M Bractome (5
2 4PO- CITTADBIO 253 (D.G.S) C Thomson 7-10-12 M Fosta
3 P-14 COMMICE SOLUTE 11 BF D.St J Barchy 6-10-12 R McGrath (3
4 -005 ESCENSAU 10 6 Richard: 6-10-12
5 26-4 HAM N ESES 16 (D.F.G.) M Hamstand 6-10-12 _ 2nd Pacteresc
E ROD. PATTER MERCHANT 2059 Mics. Bussell 8-10-17 D Rois 17
6 RPP- PATTER MERCHANT 265P Miss L Russell 8-10-12 D Reis (7 7 USD3 TEELAYWAITCH 18 (D.F.G.S) J Gelde 5-10-12 B Taylor (5
8 3-22 WELSH MARCH 16 (SF.5) 6 M Moure 5-10-12 J Callagina
6 3-55 MSTSU MANAGE ID (DE-S) E IN GROUP 3-10-15 II (Analysis
9 2500 FAME AND FANTASY 28 (DJF) A Whiteas 6-10-7 A S Small
6-4 Weish March, 9-2 Teetay'n allch, 5-1 Common Seend, 11-2 Cittadino, 13-2 L

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANEPS: G Richards, 47 winners from 202 maners, 23.3%, A Whillians, 7 from 38, 18.4%; J J O'Neill, 20 from 116, 17.2%, C Thomfon, 5 from 29, 17.2%; D Whillians, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Fosier, 5 witners from 39 rides, 12,8%, 5 Taylor, 3 from 26, 11,9%, 8 McStath, 3 from 29, 10,3%, Only quadiers.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER 12.45 Joe Shaw. 1.15 Ham N'Eggs. 1.50 Kartak. 2.25 Colonel In Chief, 2.55 Chief Minister. 3.25

SIS going: good to soft 12.45 BOXING DAY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

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1 FD13 ARDENT SCOUT 11 (0.6) 1/m 5 Smin 5-11-10 11 Serdey 2 25-4 JOE SHAW 29 Mr. M Rayley 4-11-5 P Nove	101 108
3 P-12 GLENBOWER 18 (CD,6) Mihammond 5: 15 Mb C Borner (3)	107
4 -216 JENNE'S PROSPECT 29 (D.P. J.) 5 Not 6-11-5 P Catherry	93
5 FZZ; COTTAGE CRAFT 777 W Bestell 6-11-0 M Maistery	_=
63536 LEAP IN THE CARK 18 (D.F.S) March Cream 8-10-11 Tiflees	17
7 23-0 ARROGANT HER 14 D H Brown 4:0-11 No S Datask (5)	
8 -53P SAM CHAMPAGNE 34 T Exterty 5-10-9 L Viyes	103
9 30-4 MASAYER 16 N Mason 7-10-7	90
10032P SECORD FIDDLE 8 0 Bressian 7-10-7 M Strannan	106
11 P-31 PREMITIVE HEART 20 (CD.S) H. Alberten 5-10-5 B. Storry	105
12 '4-4 EFAAD 20 3 Norton 6-10-0	102
13-000 CHAN MOVE 11 W 5:red: 5-15-0 N Hamzly (7)	94
4-1 Benhower, 5-1 Joe State, 11-2 Promitte Hoot: 3-1 Ardert Stad.	10-1
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1.15 BOROUGHBRIDGE NOVICES CHASE

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24212 SHAMME EDGE 9 (BF) DF 61 F Extrety 5-11-9 DOUBTFUL 30PPP AMBELIAYBUS 11 (B) Uses 1. Scidal P-11-4 T Road 4 P3-0 COURT JONER 22 (G) H Apograps 5-11-4 8 Storry	73 90
4-9 Ham N Eggs, 5-2 Court Joker, 7-1 July Heart, 53-1 Abbept/bus	_

1.50 ST JOHN AMBULANCE HANDICAP HURDLE

12251 NEW PM 13 (D.F.G) 5 Bollangs 6-12-0 . Mr 5 Durack (5)	131
2 1-30 STASH THE CASH 27 (D.F.G.S) M Hammond 6-11-11	
R Garretty	135
3 - 241 DR BOKES 20 (CD.G.S) F Murphy 4-11-8 P Carberry	732
4 30F KAITAK 237 (CD,6) Eastern (-11-7 L Viver	131
5 /222 HOUSE OF DREAMS 27 (G) G M Moore 5-10-13 N Bendley	331
6 224- SAMAND 211 (O,F,6) Mrs L Satte 5-10-9 . T Reed	129
9-4 New Ino, 5-2 Dr Bones. $9-2$ House OI Oregins. 6-1 Stack The Cach. 3-1 10-1 Sensord.	kalai.

2.25 ROWLAND MEYRICK HANDICAP CHASE

(£13,509; 3m fl) (5)	
1 11-4 SPARKY GAYLE 41 (BF.F.E.S) C P. star 7-11-10 . 9 Star	ry <u>167</u>
Z 65-3 AVRO ANSON 14 (F,G) M Camedia 9-17-7 P Mix	
3 2-04 MAJOR BELL 13 (D.F.C.S) A Whater: 9-11-1 _ L V/)	ver 169
42111 STRATH ROYAL 20 (CD.F.G.S) 0 Breman 11-10-10	
M Brenn	en 169
5 11-2 COLONEL OI CHIEF 20 (CD,G,S) G Richard: 7-19-4 P Carber	
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2.55 SUPERMASTER HANDICAP CHASE (£7,022, 2m 4l 110yd) (6)

1 -405 ROYAL MOUNTEROWNE 13 (D.G.S) Mess NJ Rossland 9-11-10	
P Mictaley (3)	15
2611) CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 20 (CD,F,G,S) I Easterby 8-10-13	
L Wyer	15
3 14-3 CHIEF MANISTER 40 (BF.D.F.G.S) M. Hammond 8-10-8	
R Garntly	15
4 130 WHISPERING STEEL 253 (D.G.S) G Rustands 11-10-9 B Storey	15 16
5 /3P- MORTHANTS 308 (D.G.S) Yr Storey 11-10-0 M Moloney	14
62323 BRANGE FRERRY 9 (D.F.G.S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0 P Carberry	15
11.10 Combine Challenge 7-7 Charl Marches 9-7 Whencome Steel	a.
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Manage 15-1 Distriction 14-1 John Management	
	P Madgley (3) 26111 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 20 (CD,F,G,S) I Exterior 8-10-13 14-3 CHIEF MINISTER 40 (BF,D,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-10-8

3.25 CHRISTMAS HOVICES HURDLE

(£3,323, 2m) (17)	
1 12 FOURDRY LANE 13 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-4 P Niven	13
2 53 ALPINE HIDEAWAY 16 M W Easterby 4-10-12 P Midgley (3)	12
3 D- CRAIGIE BOY 174F N Bycsoll 7-10-12 N Bertiley	7
4 O FLORENTINO 13 Mrs V Ward 4-10-12 Mr S Durack (5)	- 11
5 O CEFTBOX 22 N Brooth 5-10-12	6
6 6 HOH EXPRESS 29 Mars J Ramaden 5-10-12 R Garrally	
7 P-P MYOUGOBLUE 23 H Alexandra 5-10-12 T Reed	
8 121 JUSTIN MAC 35 (D.F.G) J Research 6-13-12 P Carbony	
9 40 LORD HASTIE 13 N Timbles 9-10-12 2nd Preference	
10 0-6 MO'S POY 9 Mas S Smoth 6-10-12 S Pound (?)	
11 2/53 MER TEE'S COMPONENTS 47 Mr. M Reachy 5-10-12 G Lee	8
12 6 PROLERC AGENCY 17 F Murphy 4-18-12 Mr C Borener (3)	7
13 RUSK 63FT Easterby 4-10-12	
14 SHARDANTE W Bernell 4-10-12 Li Brennan	
15 30 SCHJANDAMANIA 32 J Norton 4-10-12 . R Butos (7)	5
16 P/03 WHATODYOUSAY 23 8 Bausheld 9-10-12 8 Shorty	
17 0-4 SHARLEY COP 15 M Carractio 5-10-7	
5-4 Foundry Lane, 3-1 Justin Mac, 8-1 Rush, 18-1 Algore Hickory, 12-1 !	Ar Tea
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2.00 HOURSTONS OF AYR WINTER SALE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,318: 2m 4f) (7)

1-24 HOPERU, LORO 11 (BF.D.F) P. Cheschrough 5-11-5 A S Smith. P. P.P. FASSY JONER 29 (D.F.G.S.) S. Ketkewell 9-18-12 R McGrath (3) 1-5-42 NO FINER MAN 8 G Richard: 6-10-12 B Handing 1-4-52 POLAR KING 32 C Thoroton 4-10-9 Lamine (7) 1-4-52 POLAR KING 32 C Thoroton 4-10-9 J Callagham 7-60-5 PROLES BRILE M Vollmark 6-10-9 J Callagham 7-60-5 PEAK A 800 16 D Whilland 6-10-7 S Taylor (5) 11-8 No Finer Man, 9-4 Hopeful Lord, 11-4 Polas King, 8-1 Eastly John, 14-1 Tadies Bible, 75-1 Hai Lodge Pasi A Boo.

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	1	0-20	BETTER TIMES AHEAD 13 (G.S) C Richards 11-12-0 9 Hardin
	2	1/1/	SHIPPING FOURTAIN 755 (G.S) D M Force 8-11-4
	_		Mr M Bractourne (5
	3	13-4	JUDICIONES CAPTAIN 41 (C.S) Mrs J Storey 10-10-10 Mrs C Store
	ā		HAUGHTY PUTURE 39 ICD.G.St J.J. G New 8-10-6 R McGrath G
	ς.		PETER 272 (F) D Windows 9-10-3
			SEBONG GOLD 69 (D.F.G) J Barclay 6-10-1 M Foste
	7	13P*	HAG'S WAY 611 (S) IN Testinates 7-10-0 _ J Calagha
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			es Abeaci, 11-4 Naughty Future, 3-1 Second Gold 9-2 Judectou
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		RECHAEL'S OWEN 16 (RF,D,F,G) / Gaste 7-11-10 R McGrate (3)
2	2-35	TRUE SCOT 11 (6.5) P Cheechnoop 7-11-5 A S Smith
3	4021	MASTER BAVARD 1D (F.G) P L'EXTER 9-11-6 (GE)
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3.40 WHISKY MAC HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,785: 2m 4f) (5)

1	05-2	PALACEGATE KING 16 (S) A WARLEY 5-11-13	. S Taytor (
2	05-3	ROSSEL 40 (C.F.G) P Monterto 4-11-8	I-Janûne (
3	4-25	PARIAH 16 (D,S) M Todructu 8-10-7	المالحا ل
4	5-63	MENSHAAR 25 (G,S) L Lungo 5-10-1	W Cowling (
5	4/2-	SELIS HELL LAD 406 (S) J Barday 10-10-0	P. McGrain (
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THUNDERER 12.50 Just Jasmine. 1.20 Robins Pride. 1.50 Gifter Isle. 2.30 None Stirred. 3.00 Juliara. 3.30 Bet Wiltshire.	1. PF2 BUCKHOUSE BOY B (6.5) D NAMED 1. P300 GAMING 2237 (6.6) U Fox 5-11-6 (19-6) ET BUCKHOUSE 20 (6.6) U Fox 5-11-6 (19-6) ET BUCKHOUSE 20 (6.6) U Fox 5-12-7 (19-6) ET BUCKHOUSE 20 (6.6) U Fox 5-1-6 (19-6) ET BUCKHOUSE 20 (6.5) U FOX 5-1-6 (19-6) ET FOX 5-14-6 (19-6) ET FOX 5-14-
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12.50 FATHER CHRISTMAS MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE 192.500 2mg (13 runners) 1 POF 2010E NOTE 4 (1) U Pos 7511-3 C Usade 2 301 ASS USSER 25 (2.5) (2.5) (3.5) (3.5) (3.5)	10 25-1 MINE O THREE 15 (F.G.5) A HEZE & THREE 25 (F.G.5) A HEZE A HEZE & T
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.ZU HARRY DUFOSEE HANDICAP CHASE 2,626: 2m; (8)	J.JU PARS HURDLE (£2.44
6-32 MORSTOCK 67-00-61 R Houses 7-11-10 T Laccombe 3 - 3P5 CLETCH GAME 37 E AVERTS (-11-15) G Sales (5) 3 - 3P5 STECKM RUH 34 OD F E.S. P 15 seek 7-11-5 R Jointson 4 - 2-5 The CARROT RAIN 34 - OL6) F Memors 9-11-1 P Pictic 2 25-4 WHOS TO SAV 0.0 BF D F CS. D F P PCAD-60 71-15-11 C P P Produced C 12-6 MORDEC WALLEY 196 (0 F.G.S.) M Pipe 8-19-10 C Marche	476 MP DA - 334 12160 - 0.54 CABAL - 53 FASIU - 533 WELTO - 685 RUN R - 6330 10150
7 4-62 INDUNALLS 45 (0.5) 4 Tomesi 6-16-5 L Hamey 6 -723 ROSSIS PRUE 11 (0.6.5) 5 Pepidem 7-16-9 — 4 Coren Paus 5-1 Montack E-1 Leader adder, 7-1 Leader Patric Protect 1-1 Cohon Game The Conor Man. 10-1 Waters in Say	2 006 NEGAT 3 4653 GALAC 10 0FC- DORLE 11 56-4 NAAD 11 0-4P CATER 11 53-5 SONG 14 5753 RET W

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12.30 MISTLETOE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1.590. 2m 11 110yd) (9 numers)
1 1-F0 LUCY TUFTY 157 (CDLF.G) J Pearce G-11-10 J Ryan Phi-1 TUCKY TUFTY 157 (CDLF.G) J Pearce G-11-10 W Marston 5-11-3 W Mortlangton G CDLF.G ARRICAN SUN 43 M Chapman 4-11-3 M Wortlangton G CDLF.G ARRICAN SUN 43 M Chapman 4-11-3 W Wortlangton G CDLF.G CDLF.G ARRICAN G CDLF.G CDLF.
11-4 Datbury, 7-2 Touiston Lady 5-1 Lacy Tuby, Thomas Crown, 11-2 Almon Sun, 12-1 Bascin Brandon Brudge, 25-1 others
1 00

6 03-3 SMERRIC 15 (S) S Bell 7-10-11 200 Preferent 7 - 5FF DARIDY DES PLAUTS 16 Mrs S smith 6-10-6 G F Ryan 8 P3-1 MARRICT BCSSR 21 (OS PR Atter 7-10-5 Mr Tuzzard 9 233 RECURO LOVER 284 (G) M Chapman 7-10-0 W Worthood
10 (FP) ASK FOR BARREY 807 6 Portwell 8-10-0 W Dw 9-4 Bassenhally, 11-4 Markel Gassip 9-2 Pearl's Chance, 7-1 Easy Breszy, 8-1 Brave, 12-1 Record Lover, 14-1 Latashall, 20-1 others.
1.35 CLUGSTON LINCOLNSHIRE NATIONAL (Handicap chase £9,326; 4m 1) (7)

2.05
11-4 D Arblan Storet 7-2 Cats Run, 4-1 Proce's Hull, 5-1 Halfmalk, 11-2 Master Boston, 7-1 Cerufaren 50-1 Woodfands Sontaire
6 511- CERDWEN 322 (5) T Greathcad 7-10-0 W Worthington 7 P-OR WOODLANDS GENHIRE 42 (B.F) P Prechard 12-10-0 D Parker
4 -F42 CATS RUN 27 (C.F.G.) J Uppen 9-10-11 W Marston 5 3312 D'ARBLAY STREET 25 (B.G.S.) W Kernp 8-10-0 D Finneyan (7)
3 3425 MASTER BOSTON 20 (F.G.S) R Woodhages 9-10-11 W Dwan
2 21-6 PRICE'S HRLL 20 (BF,S) K Baskey 10-11-3 P Henkey (3)

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	4	11-	COLOUR CODE 79F (F,6) Mrs A Sembank 5-17-5	J Sups
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2.35 ROSELAND GROUP KILVINGTON HANDICAP

1 -441 DAKA POINT 13 (6) U.5: 2 Emits 5-11-12 G.F. Pyan (5) 2 -463 MARCHANT MING 11 (9.6.5) M Hammord 5-11-7 DRUFFIFM. 3 -2-3P LETS RE FRANK 31 (0.F. R.S.) M Charmord 5-11-7 DRUFFIFM. 3 -2-6 LETS RE FRANK 31 (0.F. R.S.) M Charmord 5-11-7 D Franceson (7) 42 ME. TESRITY 16 (5) U.5: P.S.) 5-15-0 D. Pears 2-10-1 DOWN THE YAPD 43 (C.G.) M Chapman 4-10-6 W Worthengton

11-6 Caru Port. 11-4 Lets Be Frank 4-1 Notegody, 15-2 Usem The Yard, 16-1 Doc: Culcuma.

1 49-4 CHEEKA 23 C Smith 8-10-12 M. Ranger 2 6450 JOHN TUSTY 15 (G) J Pearce 6-10-12 J. Piyan 2 0405 NON WITAGE 14 (D.S.S.) M Chapman 6-10-12 W Worthington 4 2222 TEJAND GOLD 15 (D.G.S.) P Bradley 7-10-12 W Wilderston

3.05 DUCKWORTH FREELANDER NOVICES

4-5 Tejano Gold 5-2 Nos Vintage, 5-1 Choeka, 12-1 Joan Tuby

HURDLE (£4,653: 2m 3l 110yd) (6)

CHASE (£3,834, 2m 11 110yd) (4)

12.30 Oakbury. 1.00 Bassenhally. 1.35 Cats Run. 2.05 Colour Code. 2.35 Dana Point. 3.05 Non Vintage. 3.35 Lord Hastie.

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1.UU BRUCE & JOE CARR MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (\$3,435; 3m 1l) (10)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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TRAINERS: W.Javes. 8 winters from 27 runners, 29 8%, M. Prescott, 27 from 113, 23.9%, M. Johnston, 53 from 236, 22.5%, J. Toller. 4 from 18, 22.2%, J. Pearce, 11 from 63, 17.5%; G. Lews., 9 from 54, 16.7% DOKEYS: P Bradiev, 3 waters, from 6 rides, 50 0%, G Dutiseld, 29 from 188, 15 4%, W Rean, 5 from 34, 14 7% R Lappin, 9 from 63, 14 3%; A Clark 23 from 203, 11.3%, Martin Dwyor, 4 from 36, 11 1%. **RUGBY UNION**

Pace-setting Saracens let the good times roll

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE has been a constant refrain running round Watford this season as, one by one, Saracens have picked off their potential rivals in the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division: championships, the refrain goes, are not won around Christmas. Yet it is infinitely more comfortable to perch on the top of the pile than to be craning one's neck upwards all the time.

Victory for Saracens against Leicester today would end a year of continual growth. It would provide the club with the perfect launching pad for the development schemes that they have in store for the Watford community, among whom they came to live in August.

Not that Saracens will take victory at Vicarage Road for granted. It took them 32 years of trying before they secured their first win over Leicester, although they have won the past two league games played in London at, respectively, Southgate and Enfield.

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Bristol	7	1	Ō	6	92	252	

Yet they will not be short of confidence: their unbeaten sevenmatch Premiership run includes victories at two uncomfortable away venues, Sale and Northampton, as well as the notable win at Loftus Road which set Wasps, the 1997 champions. on their giddy downward spiral. Just as signifi-cant was the utter dismissal of Bath in their last home match, which was an indication of the standards

they now expect of themselves. The club has changed dramatically and the attitude of the players has changed too," Tony Diprose, the Saracens captain, said. Diprose has seen the bad times, in the

since 1995 by Nigel Wray's money, which has taken them to the top of the first division. It is an ascent which has helped Diprose himself to international honours at No 8, including games this autumn Australia and New against `

That, in turn, has heightened his own ambition and confidence: "I came back from those four weeks with England believing in my ability to play at that level and not only that, to be a force at that level." Diprose said. "I want more of it."

He is a key member of the influential middle five — back row and half backs — who direct operations on the field at Watford, though both Diprose and Mark Evans, the director of rugby, acknowledge the influence brought to bear by Francois Pienaar in his coaching role as well as his formidable skills at flank forward.

"You can't under-sell the influence Francois has had," Evans said. "He sets standards, he has drawn on his experience and we have learnt from it."

At full strength, Saracens can field three England internationals — Diprose, Richard Hill (absent today with an injury) and Kyran Bracken - one South Africa cap in Pienaar and Australia's Michael Lynagh in those five key positions It is a battery of talent and experience unmatched in the Premiership: who else, after all, can field two World Cup-winners in that area, never mind the skills of the world's most-capped player, Philippe Sella, further out at centre.

"Michael is playing at a different level to last year, when he spent so much time recovering from a shoulder injury." Diprose said. He controls a lot of our play and I have picked up a great deal from his captaincy experience.

"It's an easy job, captaincy, when you are winning but a lot of the work is done beforehand, in training, so that when the time for decisions arrives on the field, we're all on the same wavelength

The club has worked hard on second division at Southgate, and Mike Yates whose son, Matthew, is he has been an integral part of the an international 1,500 metres run-



Since his arrival last year, Pienaar has been setting the standards at Saracens on and off the field

he wants us to be the fittest team in the country." Diprose said, "and we're still working on it. It's taken the team a while to come together, which is not surprising with all the newcomers there have been.

"Last season we put together some really good performances on a one-off basis, but to get the consistency you need has taken longer. But winning has become a contagious habit; I've been down the bottom end of the league and

it's not much fun." Saracens have reached their present eminence, moreover, with England-qualified talent in key rise and rise of Saracens, fuelled ner. "François has told Mike that they have Greg Botterman at and Eric Miller (Ireland).

hooker and Matt Singer at full back. Behind Botterman, an England replacement against Wales in 1996, is George Chuter, only 21 and developing fast since his move from Old Mid-Whitgiftians, while the midfield includes one of the most under-rated of English players. Steve Ravenscroft.

Yet there are demanding games to come, not least the visits to Newcastle and Bath which must be made. That is for the new year: this afternoon Leicester bring with them, for the first time in their history, a forward pack made up completely of internationals, six of positions: not only are Diprose and them English and reinforced by Bracken part of the side's spine, Fritz van Heerden (South Africa)

Joel Stransky, their South Africa fly half, has recovered more quickly than expected from the rib injury he sustained against Richmond teh days ago and joins forces at half back with Waisale Serevi but Will Greenwood, the England centre, will be absent. He has damaged a shoulder, which gives James Overend the chance to start a Premiership game for the first time

this season. Overend, 23, has suffered from a succession of shoulder injuries since joining Leicester two years ago yet, in his 14 appearances for the club, he has yet to finish on the losing side. That is a record he and his colleagues would be happy to see sustained today.

Protective kit may create more danger

the injury to Gwyn Jones, the Wales captain and Cardiff flanker, and his by has turned our rugby grounds into places of rumina-tive melancholy. That it takes so severe an injury to remind us that rugby is a perilous game, is a sad comment on how easily we tend to forget. So imperfect a game, where risk and the scent of danger forms no small fraction of its attraction, requires

eternal vigilance and care.

Professional sport, believing that toughness of mind and a hard competitive edge are essen tial virile qualities and preferring to avoid a benign mood during good times, chases the "entertainment dollar" as if nothing else matters. Rugby still needs the sensitive touch, now more than ever. Amateurism, for all its weaknesses, worked because it relied on trust and benevolence. Because it was a game and not a business, that it was essentially for the player and not for the spectator, the focus was less on pleasing other people, less on spurring on the game for the sake of entertain-

Rugby union should attempt to salvage some of that old-time gentleman's way of conducting its affairs. This, of course, was much derided in its time. The attitude will forever be encapsulated in Will Carling's immemorial if unfortunate phrase about the 57 varieties that made up the ruling body at Twickenham.

We were left with a vision of a blazered bunch of buffoons. That they were nothing of the sort should not get in the way of the joke. But they had their hearts in the right place.

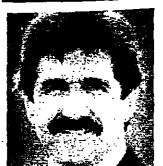
Who is to say that rugby, worldwide, may be any better under a new breed of official. The drift is not encouraging at the moment Let us begin by lodging a complaint about the increased

use of protective clothing. For, while this kit is seen as necessary to prevent too many injuries, it may inadvertently encourage greater danger. The so-called hard hits are

nowadays commonplace. The shoulder padding is deemed therefore to be essential. Such protection, it is argued, can no longer be avoided. The other side of the coin is

that increased protection gives licence for the hits to the body to become harder and more fre- more powerful quent. Hitherto, the game's rul- confrontational.

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ing authorities have eschewed the use of thigh padding but it is only a matter of time that, with the advantage shoulder padding gives the tackler, so must the tackled player be compensated with similar protection. Thigh

padding will soon be used.

That being the case, since the head gets to be in close proximity to the physical confrontation. this most sensitive of areas will inevitably need protection, too. So that, of the couple of examples of headgear we see at any one fixture, we shall have to expect every player to wear it

Thus, the accepted parameters within which the game has hitherto been played are modified. But in so doing, the attitudes and the levels of tolerance are irrevocably changed. A basic principle has been sacrificed. A tackle could only be as hard as the tolerance of the hurt; flesh against flesh. With body protection, this ceases to be the

his is the thin edge of the wedge. To begin with, no padding was allowed. Later, protective clothing could be worn when a player was injured. This progressed to allow a player was injured. low a player to wear padding of a certain type if it conformed to certain guidelines of softness.

It transpires that this season it is permissible to wear shoulder pads. It is but a short step to allow harder and tougher material of the kind American footballers wear. When, one wonders, will helmets arrive on

the scene? What motivates the changes? Is it truly for the protection of players or is it the case that, by agreeing such protection, the rugby union authorities can allow their game to become and

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When your partner opens in a suit and you as a non-passed hand respond by making a single jump in a new suit, that is forcing to game. It is known as a jump shift. Here are two examples: I H-2

Now what should be the characteristic of the hand that makes the jump shift? First, it is not necessary to jump in a new suit just because you have game-going values; if you make a minimum response in a new suit, that is forcing, and you can either go to game on the next round of the auction or make a further forcing bid.

As the jump shift uses an extra round of bidding, the modern style is to use it in a specialised way: responder has either a good one-suited hand, or a hand with primary support for the opener's suit, in both cases with high-card strength equivalent to at least 15 or so. For example, suppose your partner opens One Heart and you hold one of the following:

1) ♠ KQJ10 ♥ 5 • AK4 • K3	3843	2) → AKJ105 ▼ KJ105 ◆ 7 • A63	3)	

These are all Two Spades responses. With (1) you intend to rebid Three Spades to show your fine suit; with (2) you support hearts on the next round (or cue-bid to show your support); and with (3) you intend to rebid Three No-Trumps to show your balanced hand and outside stoppers.

Now	suppose	you hold:
	KO652 6 AK1064 A6	5) + 087542 ▼ AS • AK • KQ2

None of these hands is suitable for an initial force, although they are just as strong as the first examples. Twosuited hands are better treated by starting with a minimum response, to save bidding space. With that understand-

ing, you can't bid Two Spades with (4); if your partner bids Three Hearts, Four Diamonds by you would be a cue-bid in support of hearts. Anyway, 3NT might be the right spot: start by bidding One Spade and continue with Three Dia-

6) ♠ KQ1065 ▼ A4 ◆ AKQ ♣ 872 jump shift because its suit is not strong enough. The suit should be headed by two of the top three honours, though a suit headed by Allo or Kilo

would just be acceptable.

The problem with Hand (6) is that you would not know what to rebid if partner bid Three Hearts. If you raised him to Four Hearts he would expect better support, perhaps a hand more like (2) above: if you rebid Three No-Trumps you may find the club suit wide open. Better to bid a simple One Spade and see what partner bids.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ABATON a. A manual calculator b. Without a baton c. A temple dormitory

c. Fear of furry things

EWIGKEIT

a. Honesty

h. Eternity

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monds over Two Hearts.

Hand (5) is unsuitable for a

BOONGARY a. A throwing stick b. A tree kangaroo c. A shooting game ECTROMELIA a. Turning outwards

b. No limbs

c. A dwarf shrub

Answers on page 37

Dubrovnik 1950. combination. How did he

KEENE ön CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British battle Viswanathan Anand, the Indian grandmaster, dispatched Gelfand to reach the final of the qualifying competi-tion in the Fide world championship in Groningen, Hol-land. The two-game battle perween the British grandmasters. Michael Adams and Nigel Short, ended in dead-

lock but Adams emerged vic-torious in the play-offs and now faces Anand in the final. White: Michael Adams

Black: Nigel Short Fide world championship Sicil

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5		Rb7	17	Bxd5	Bxd
6	d4	Nf6 cxd4 h6	18	exd5	Bxd: Re8
7	Bg5	cxd4	19	24	b 4
8	Nxd4	h6	20	Ra2	Ra7
9	Bxf6	Cod6	21	codo4	Rae
10	0-0	Noti	22	Kf1	Qd6 Qxb
11	Nxc6	dxc6	23	b 3	СΦ
12	Qe2	e5 .	24	Nd2	9 6
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24	Exa6	Rxa6 0-0	36	Nd2	Back
25	Nc4	0-0	37	Rxd2	a5
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27	Re1	Rc6	39	Qf4	Qď?
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White to play. This position is from the game Euwe - Nestler, White's pawn wedge on d5 and e6 cuts the black position in two and enabled him to conclude the game with a neat

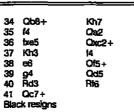
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

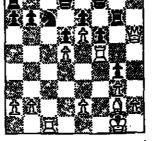
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White: Nigel Short Black: Michael Adams Ruy Lopez

Ba4 6 Re1

Black resigns



England's cup mettle faces stern test

ling within India and Christmas in steamy Madras, England will today play their most important game in four years. At stake is a place in the final of the women's World Cup and, to add further spice to the encounter, England's opponents are New Zealand.

whom they beat in the last

World Cup final, at Lord's in So far, England have not played like world champions.

That defeat was the low

South Africa could easily have beaten them in the opening match in Hyderabad, where England won by seven runs. Then came the run feasts against Pakistan, Denmark and Ireland, but they were not adequate preparation for Australia, who beat England easily in Nagpur in the last qualifying match.

point of the tour and it was compounded by the exhaust-ing itinerary. In 23 days in India, England have had five

ATHLETICS

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CRICKET

SRI LANKA

Edits (b. 4, rb. 1, w. 1)

Total (1 wid, 3 overs)

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FALL OF WICKET 1-1,

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BOMILING Singest 20-61. (Chaylean 1-0-7-0.)

BOWLING Sringth 2-0-6-1, Chauhan 1-0-7-0

RUGBY UNION

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Blackwood v Caerphiliv (noon).

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Club match

Welsh League

One-day international

FOR THE RECORD

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Club matches

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN MADRAS

CRICKET: NEW ZEALAND STAND BETWEEN CHAMPIONS AND PLACE IN FINAL

flights, five coach journeys ter-final against Sri Lanka. and a six-hour train ride, as well as eight games of cricket. Patience has worn thin in the England camp and breaking-point nearly came on the journey from Delhi to Madras for this match when, after a 3.30am alarm call, the flight

India's second one-day international, against Sri Lanka in indore, was abandoned after als ruled that the pitch was too dangerous for play.

was delayed until past midday due to fog.

England played New Zealand at home in 1996 and, although they were beaten 3-0 in the one-day internationals, they will at least know what to

expect.
Changes will be made to the team that contested the quar-

FOOTBALL

RYMAN LÉAGUÉ Puli Members cup: Second round: Besingstole 3 Kingstonet 2 Borehant Wood 6 Aylesbury 1; Hempton 0 Maderhead 4; Hendon 6 St Albens 1. HGHLAND LEAGUE Fort Wildem 2 Fornes Mechanics 2; Fresenburgh 1 Budde Thistle 0; Lissembuth 0 Huntly 2. PONTIN'S LEAGUE Cup: Group 4: Stockport 1 Chesterheid 1 Group 6: Rockport 1 Chesterheid 1 Group 6: Rockport 1 Chesterheid 1 Group 6: Rockport 1 Chesterheid 1 Group 6: Hotherheim 3 Trammer 3. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-vision: Andows 2 APC Newbury 5:

ICE HOCKEY

SUPERLEAGUE: Brackneti 5 Manches 4. Newcastle 3 Notingham 3 julier 07), EXPRESS CUP: Basingstoke 5 Cardil 3

TENNIS

MIANAI: Orange Bowl: Third round: Boys: Under-18: Wei-Jang Chang (Traipe) fr D Shawood (43) 6-2 6-3. Under-18: M Polessnig (Austria) fr S Dickson (28) 7-6, 6-4, Bids Under-18: M Buric (Ger) fr H Ferr (58) 6-2, 6-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Featherstone v Wakefield (11.30) Leeds v Hafilax (11.30) Wigan v St Helens (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser Langue: Lei-cester Riders v Leoperds (3.0).

Tuesday's late results RYMAN LEAGUE: Full Memb Second round: Basingstoke 3 kg

There is a feeling that Debbie Hockley, who tormented England in 1996, averaging 82 in the one-day internationals and 94 in the Test marches, is susceptible to slow bowling. especially leg spin, at the start of her innings.

Kathryn Leng will therefore return in place of Laura Macleod and Karen Smithies will continue to open the bowling. England will also be looking to the leg spin of Charlotte Edwards, which should allow Helen Plimmer to retain her place on the strength of her fielding.

Hockley may have a weakness against spin but she has already scored two centuries in this World Cup and much will depend on how quickly she is dismissed.

Australia, who beat India in the first semi-final yesterday await the winner of this match. If England lose today,

they will be spectators at Eden Gardens for the final, and there can be no greater incentive to avoid defeat than that.

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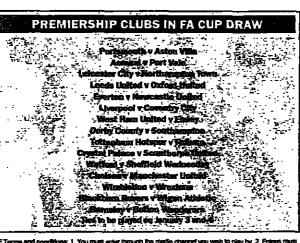
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begin the knockout and January 24 sees the start of the Tennents Cup round involving Scottish premier division teams.

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cated transfers to use at their own discretion but remember, the sooner you enter the more transfers your team will be allocated.

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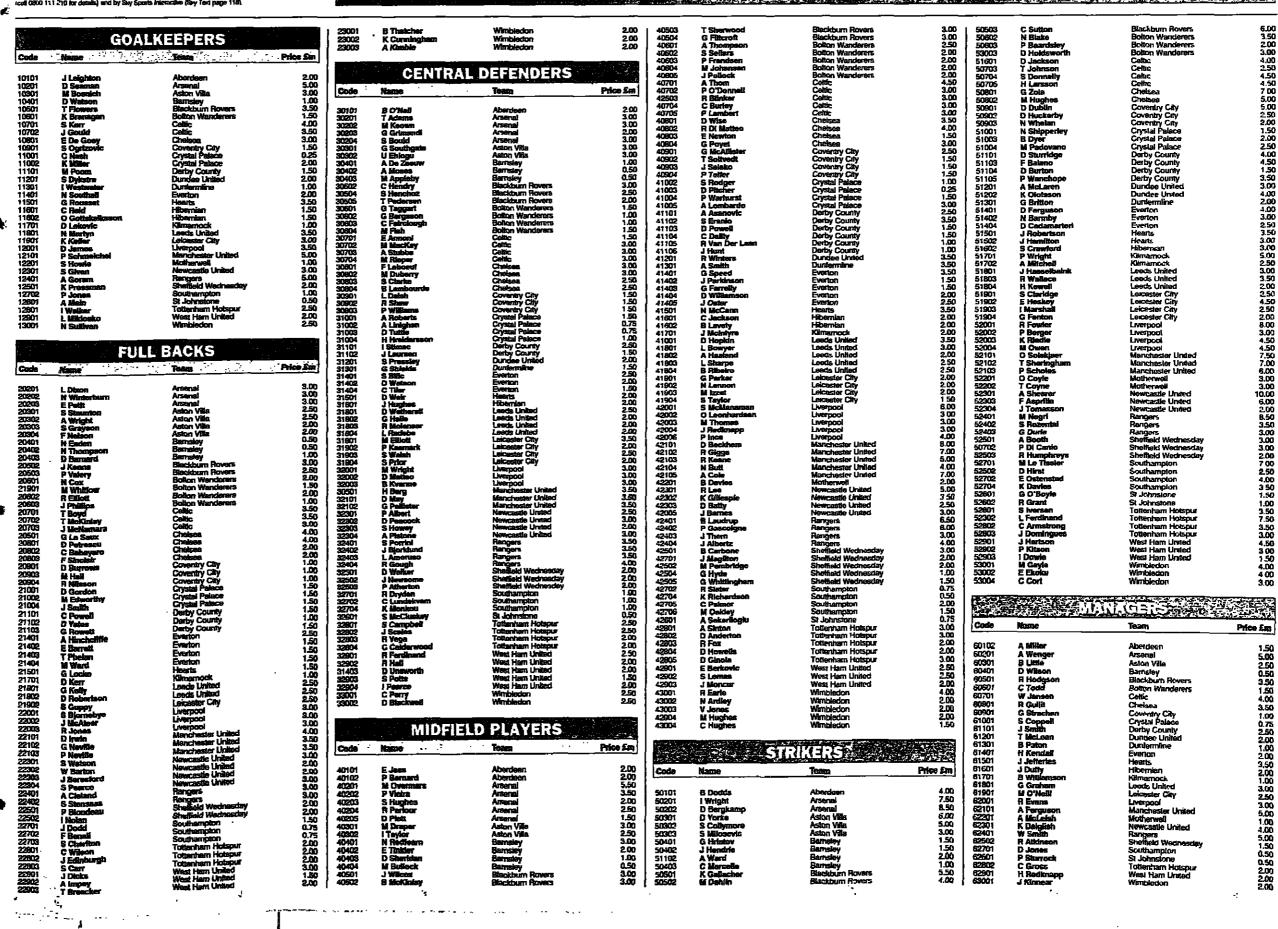
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You must pick 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager. hotline, using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and follow the step-by-step You must not pick more than two individuals (two instructions. You must tap in (not speak) the full players or one player and a manager) from the set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your Your team must be made up of 12 individuals at manager. You will be asked whether you wish to any one time but you may transfer your players in enter one of the mini leagues (women's or students') and out of your team as you wish, according to your if appropriate. If so, do so as directed on the telephone. You must speak the name of your team transfer allocation. (no more than 16 characters), your name, address with postcode and your daytime telephone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You may enter as many teams as you wish. **HOW TO ENTER BY POST** Once you have selected your team, simply complete the entry form and send it with a cheque or postal You must keep a note of this number as you will need your PIN for making transfers and checking order for £2 payable to Times Newspapers to the your team score. (A new team will score points on address on the application form. Entries from future games in the ITF and mini league.) Calls last about eight minutes and cost 50p per minute (calls outside the UK and Republic of Ireland are £10 sterling and may only be made by post. made from a pay phone cost approximately double). HOWATOSENTIERAYOURATEAN THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL ENTRANTS TEAM NAME Goalkeeper Full back Full back Central defender Central defender Midfielder **Postcode** Midfielder _____ Midfielder Midfielder This year ITF incorporates separate mini leagues. Please tick the correct league(s) for your entry. Student League Women's League Striker ____ Entrants must be 18 or over to play in the ITF league, the Women's league

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Pre-trial delay in death row phenomenon

Safety and Immigration and Others

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley. Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Hutton and Mr Justice Gault [Judgment December 16]

As a general rule it was not appropriate for the purposes of considering whether execution had been rendered inhuman by reason of delay in carrying out the sentence to bring into account pretrial delay.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held. Lord Steyn dissenting in dismissing an ap-peal by Trevor Nathaniel Pennerman Fisher from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of The Bahamas of an appeal from the dismissal by Mr Justice Osadabay of the appellants' mo-tion for constitutional relief against the Minister of Public Safety and Immigration, the Superintendent of Prisons and the

Attorney-General. Mr Owen Davies and Ms Nerida Harford Bell for the appellant: Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, Mr Howard Stevens, Mr Bernard Turner (Assistant Director of Legal Affairs in the Office of the Attor ney-General of the Bahamas) and Ms Cheryl Bethell (Senior Crown Attorney-General) for the

LORD GOFF, delivering the judgment of the majority, said that the principle established in *Pratt v Attorney-General for Jamaica* (1994) 2 AC I) was founded on the national principle, which in The Bahamas was enshrined in article 17(1) of the Constitution, that corture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishme

As was pointed out in Henfield v Attorney-General of The Bahamas ([1997] AC 413, 420) the essential question in Pratt was whether the execution of a man following long delay after his sentence to death could amount to inhuman punishment contrary to article 17(1). It followed that, as was clear from the authorities, the period of delay which fell to be taken into account when considering whether the constitutional right under article 17(1) had been infringed in that way was the period beginning with sentence of death

It was the primary submission of the respondents, that it was not appropriate to bring into account. pre-trial delay for the purposes of considering whether execution had been rendered inhuman on the principle in Pratt. As a general principle, their Lordships accepted

It was clear from the authorities, not only that the question of the impact of pre-trial delay was not considered in the previous cases. but that the principle was so stated as to relate exclusively to the period following sentence of death during which time the convicted man war facing the agony of sentence of

It followed that simply to extend the relevant period to take into account time awaiting trial, in addition to the period awaiting extension of the Pratt principle. of that principle to circumstance in which it was, as formulated, not applicable. That conclusion was reinforced

First, since the state of mind of the person in question during that earlier period was not the agony of mind of a man facing execution. but "the anxiety and concern of the accused" it by no means followed

should be treated in the same way. Next, the period of five years, or for present purposes in The Ba-hamas three and a half years. which had been chosen as a norm. had been so chosen with reference to the appellate processes which might be invoked after conviction. It did not reflect in any way the state of affairs before trial.

before his trial was likely to be affected by his prospects, as seen

by him, of an acquittal by the jury. For all those reasons, there was no basis for simply extending the Pratt principle to take into account delay which had occurred before

purpose.

that a dissenting judgment an-chored in the circumstances of

today sometimes appealed to the

judges of tomorrow. In that way a

dissenting judgment sometimes

contributed to the continuing dev-

in so far as it had an impact on

illegitimate and unnecessary suffering inflicted on the individ-

If due to the failure of the state

there was inflicted on the individ-ual the agony of a prolonged delay of his trial on a charge of murder

that had logically to be relevant as

a contributory and aggravating factor which, depending on the

circumstances, might tilt the bal-

Our sense of humanity and

decency ought not to permit us to

ignore the circumstance, if proved, that he had for several years before sentence been held in appalling

dangling before his mind's ever i

ought not to permit us to ignore a deliberate decision by the state to delay bringing on his trial for several years; and it ought not to

permit us to ignore an inexcusable failure to bring him to trial for

Moreover, on simple common

sense grounds one had to rec-

ognise the relevance of pre-sen-

tence circumstances, for example.

it had to be an aggravating

share in the proceeds.

Nor did it result in the company

becoming a nominal plaintif

Since the assignment was ineffec-

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Mr Flood, the company was the real plaintiff acting on its own

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That would involve consideration of two different types of period: part of the period awaiting trial and the whole period from sentence to the date fixed for execution; and, quite apart from the fundamental objection that the state of mind of the man in question was different during the two periods, it was difficult see on what basis a norm could be established which would accommodate both those periods.

In truth, the principle in Pratt fact that, in some Caribbean countries, men sentenced to death were being held on death row for wholly unacceptable periods of time, and was specifically fashioned to meet that problem. It did not admit to being extended, in the manner contended for on behalf of the appellant, to address the wholly different problem of pretrial delay.

There was however, another possible approach to the problem. That would involve not a simple adding together of the two different periods, but taking into account pre-trial delay on the principle established in Guerra v Baptiste (1996) 1 AC 397).

In that case, it was recognised that the five year period applicable in Trinidad and Tobago was not to be regarded as a fixed period applicable in all cases, but rather as a norm which may be departed from if the circumstances of the case so require": see Henfield (at

Their Lordships were unwilling, in a case concerned with constitu tional rights, to impose any hard and fast limit on the matters to be taken into account when considering whether a right of that kind, that in article 17(1) of the Bahamian to have an accused tried and Constitution, had been infringed. flogged on a lesser charge before proceeding with the murder They were unwilling therefore to

charge. exclude the possibility that pre-Similarly, our common sense trial delay, if sufficiently serious in told us that the interaction of precharacter, might be capable of sentence delay and prison conbeing taken into account for that ditions, with the brooding horror However, only in exceptional circumstances was such a case of an awareness of executions going on, might add greatly to sapping the will and increasing the likely to occur; and the facts of the present case did not enable the rment of the condemned man. appellant to invoke the principle in Only by shutting one's eyes to reality could such circumstances

LORD STEYN, dissenting, said priori grounds. The proposition in the judgment of the majority that, although the possibility of taking into account serious pre-trial delay was not excluded, it was anticipated that it would only occur in exceptional circumstances, could not be rec-Article 17(1) required the court to take into account the whole picture

be ruled out of consideration on a

onciled with article 17(1). It was at odds with constitutional language of width and generality. It failed to give effect to the full measure of the fundamental rights protected by arti-

It meant that unless a court idged that the threshold of excepjudget that the the should be excep-tionality was passed, even substan-nal additional suffering caused by prolonged and unjustifiable pretrial delay caused by the state-could not be taken into account in the ultimate decision. Such an exclusionary restriction

on what might be considered was contrary to the language, purpose and spirit of article 17(1). Nobody suggested that a time table had to be provided for the conduct of murder trials in The Bahamas. On the other hand in

The Bahamas such trials were almost invariably concluded in a neriod of 18 months Unjustifiable delay beyond 18 months of murder trials in The Bahamas might well be an aggravating circumstance which might entitle the court to depart

Solicitors: Cameron McKenna;

prosecute the action, having as-signed all its assets and liabilities to Mr Flood, and had accordingly The fact that a party had entered into a purely commercial disposed of the proceeds of an action did not affect the capacity in arrangement with Mr Flood under which he could, but was not bound which he brought the action. Nor did the fact that there had been an to, finance the action in return for a ineffective attempt to assign the Such an arrangement gave rise to no fiduciary relationship. It was an arms' length transaction be-tween parties on an equal footing.

ficial capacity" in section 2(10) were to be construed as a whole.

Sir Roger Parker agreed. Solicitors: Winward Fearon; Mr Colin Stutt, Legal Aid Board;

cause of action itself.

agreeing, said that the words representative, fiduciary or of-It was a composite expression

Providing board

and housing

as the award was complete. The award had by then been signed by Mr Scott and Mr Marshall and The Court of Appeal so held in a simply awaited the signature of Mr Bridge

Dissenting arbitrator

arbitration in accordance with GAFTA Rules set out in GAFTA

A dispute arose and was referred

to arbitration. SIMSA appointed

Mr Bridge as its arbitrator, Cargill

appointed Mr Scott and GAFTA

The arbitration went on for

about three and a half years. On June 26, 1996 GAFTA informed the

parties that the tribunal would not

be accepting any more documents

appointed Mr Marshall

Form 125.

reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Sociedad liberica de Molturación SA (SIMSA) against the decision of Mr Justice Colman in the Commercial Court of the Queen's On July 15, GAFTA informed the parties that Mr Bridge would not sign and asked the parties if they would accept the award of two Bench Division (The Times arbitrators. Cargill was prepared to accept but SIMSA would not. Eventually GAFTA took the view November 12, 1997) on originating summonses issued against each encouraged by Cargill that Mr Bridge was refusing to act and appointed a substitute, Mr Short, other by Cargill International SA Antigua (Geneva br...ch) and Cargill Incorporated on the one hand and SIMSA, the Grain and pursuant to rule 3(8). Feed Trade Association (GAFTA).

Careill International SA and

Another v Sociedad Iberica

de Molturacion SA and

Before Lord Justice Phillips, Lord

Justice Walker and Lord Justice

A dissenting arbitrator conducting

an arbitration pursuant to GAFTA

125 Rules was not entitled to insist

on his dissenting reasons being

Judgment December 161

part of the decision

Chadwick

The argument before the judge and in the Court of Appeal had Derek R. Marshall, Anthony G. Scott and Ronald J. Short on the proceeded on the basis that Mr Bridge had refused to sign because Rule 3 of the GAFTA Rules he was not being allowed to provides: "(8) If an arbitrator dies. express his dissenting reasons. or refuses to act, or becomes incapable of acting, or fails to proceed with the arbitration . . . the However, his Lordship wished

to stress that if what Mr Bridge was seeking to do was to have his appointing such arbitrator forthwith appoint a reasons recorded for reaching the same conclusion, that was an entirely different matter from seek-Rule 7 provides: "(1) All awards of arbitration shall be in writing on ing to have inserted a dissenting view with dissenting reasons.

If he was seeking to insist on different findings being recorded association and shall be signed by the sole arbitrator or by all members of the tribunal... majority, which would support a conclusion different from the award, that again would be enwhether any sum awarded carries tirely different and in this instance obviously illegitimate. Mr Murray Pickering, QC, for SIMSA: Mr Van V. Veeder, QC

The only question to be considered was therefore whether an arbitrator conducting an arbitra-tion pursuant to GAFTA 125 Rules was entitled to insist on dissenting reasons being part of the reasons under rule 7(2).

It seemed to his Lordship clear that the proper construction to place on rule 7(2) of the GAFTA Rules was that the reasons which

cannot give reasons had to be stated were only those in

favour of the award. The only argument for saying that dissenting reasons were reasons "for" the award would have to be on the lines that where there were three arbitrators, the "reason" why there was an award in favour of A. was because two arbitrators thought X and one arbitrator thought Y, and the majority won.

However, it was a misuse of the word "reason" to contemplate any-thing other than findings relating to the actual dispute between th parties; it was contrary to the decision of Mr Justice Hobhause in Planet Shipping Co SA Société Anonyme Marocanie de L'Industrie de Raffinage (unreported, October 12, 1994) to contemplate that awards should include dissenting reasons and if the mere fact that an arbitrator did dissent was something a dissenter wished to make clear, he could do that without expressing reasons.

As to whether the courtesy to allow a dissenting opinion to be attached should normally be extended to an arbitrator who dis-sented might depend on the type and circumstances of the circumstances of

It was for the majority to decide whether to extend the courtesy and unless the rules or arbitration agreement provided expressly, a dissenting arbitrator had no right to insist on his dissenting reasons forming part of the reasons for an

Where rules, as in the case of GAFTA 125, required the signature of all three arbitrators for the award to be valid, a dissenting cordance with his duty to act as arbitrator.

Thus in the present case, on the assumption made about Mr Bridge, since SIMSA would not appoint a substitute for Mr Bridge, GAFTA had no choice but to appoint one. The appeal would be

Lord Justice Chadwick delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Phillips agreed. Solicitors: Turner & Co; Mr Brian Perrott, Cobham.

Company is ineligible for legal aid

Regina v Chester and North Wales Legal Aid Area Office (No 12), Ex parte Floods of Queensferry Ltd Before Lord Justice Hobhouse.

Lord Justice Millett and Sir Roger Judgment December 18

A company was ineligible for legal aid unless it was concerned in a representative, fiduciary or official capacity to seek legal advice or representation within section 2(10) of the Legal Aid Act 1988.

The legislative intention was to make legal aid available to bodies corporate only in limited circumstances, where the applicant sought legal aid to act on behalf of another. That other had to be an individual, not a company ineli-Where, therefore, a company

breach of contract to its managing director and principal shareholder in order to transfer its cause of action to him, but a prohibition on assignment in the sub-contract rendered the transfer ineffective, in parry was not acting in a fiduciary capacity for its managing director and accordingly was not eligible for legal aid.

had assigned its cause of action for

The Court of Appeal so held. dismissing an appeal against the refusal by Mr Justice Popplewell (The Times November 7, 1997) of an application for judicial review of the decision of the Legal Aid Board not to grant legal aid to Floods of Oueensferry Ltd to prosecute an action on the ground that it was not a "person" within section 2(10) of the 1988 Act.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the word "fiduciary" in section 2(10) did not bear a technical meaning. Like the words "representative" and "official" it qualified the capacity in which the applicant applied for legal aid.

Mr Justin Fenwick, OC and Mr.

Ben Elkington, who did not appear below, for the company; Mr Jonu-Weisselberg, who did not appear below, for the Legal Aid Board; Mr Colin Reese, QC and Miss Chantal Aimée Doerries for the interested party, the defendants to the action.

The correct test, to be applied at the time of the application, was whether the company was con-cerned to obtain legal aid to bring the action as a nominal plaintiff and on behalf of Mr Flood, its The company was neither a

fiduciary nor a nominal plaintiff. It successful, but with the capacity in

which the applicant was concerned to obtain legal advice and

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE,

which did not gain from heing broken down into its constituent parts. It was not inappropriate to describe it as a nominee capacity although that did not exhaust its

Morrison Skirrow.

Regina v Newham London Borough Council, Ex parte Medical Foundation for the

Care of Victims of Torture

The phrase "residential accom-modation" in Part III of the

National Assistance Act 1948 meant no more than where a

person lived. A local authority was

not obliged to provide board or

other services as a package with the accommodation provided, ex-

cept where those were considered necessary when it had to provide them in connection with the

Mr Justice Moses so held in the

Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment on December 12 allowing an application for judicial review by the Medical

Foundation for the Care of Victims

and Others

Identification evidence danger Regina v Cardinal Newman's against permanent exclusion from Cardinal Newman's School in fication of Mrs Taylor. It was important that those conducting the inquiry should

School, Birmingham and Another, Ex parte S Before Mr Justice Moses

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"(2) The award shall state the

arbitrators' reasons therefor and

and Mr Mark Hoyle for Cargill.

that under a contract made on or about December I, 1993 Cargill

sold to SIMSA 20,000 metric tons

of soya bean meal peliers. The contract incorporated GAFTA 100 terms which by clause 33 provided

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said

Liudement December III When carrying out an investiga-tion into a school incident the head teacher, the governors of the school and the appeals committee should have in mind the dangers inherent Mr Justice Moses so held in the

in the evidence of identification. Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment allowing an application for judicial review by S, a schoolgirl, of the decision of Birmingham City Council, the second respondent, dated Decem-

ough Council to offer single asv-

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was plain from section 21(5) of the

National Assistance Act 1948 that a local authority could form the opinion that the board and other services to which subsection 5

referred were unnecessary yet the obligation to provide residential

It followed that residential

accommodation meant no more

than the accommodation where a person lived. Where a local au-

thority formed the view that board

hotel outside the borough.

applicant was accused of attacking a pupil during the mid-day break on May 22, 1996. The incident was witnessed by one adult. Mrs Taylor, a classroom assistant who

In fact, unknown to the head teacher, two other members of staff had named the applicant when accompanying Mrs Taylor to carry out the identification process. Following an investigation, the

that a pupil must have a fair

Three principles were of particular importance: Those conducting an inquiry must decide what critical issues of fact they should resolve and what

inquiries could reasonably be ade to resolve those issues 2 They must give careful and even handed consideration to all the available evidence in relation to

and other services were necessary it was not a requirement that such services be provided in the accommodation. London Borough Council and the Governors of Hampstead School, Ex parte H (1996) ELR 360). The essential issue in this case Such other services had to be provided in connection with, not in, the accommodation: see section

Mrs Jane Oldham for Birmingham City Council: Mr Ian

MR JUSTICE MOSES said the did not know the applicant by name but identified her after being shown photographs of pupils at

decision was made permanently to exclude the applicant from school. The overriding principle was

opportunity to exculpate herself-see R v Board of Visitors of Hull Prison, Ex parte St Germain and Others [[1979] i WLR 1401, 1409).

those issues.

3 Those conducting an inquiry did not need, on every occasion, to carry out searching inquiries involving the calling of bodies of oral evidence: see R v Camden need for safeenands to avoid such dangers. It was therefore incumbent upon them to examine care-

remind themselves of the dangers of identification evidence and the fully the circumstances in which the identification was made and consider the extent to which those safeguards normally necessary to avoid the dangers of visual identification were in place. Such safeguards normally re-

quired an account of the initial description given by the witness of the culprit before the identification took place, an account of the process of identification and the steps taken to avoid any identification being tainted by suggestion. The appeal committee and the

governors had failed to made sufficient inquiry into the process of identifying the applicant and that led to a procedure which did not give the applicant a fair hearing to exculpate herself.

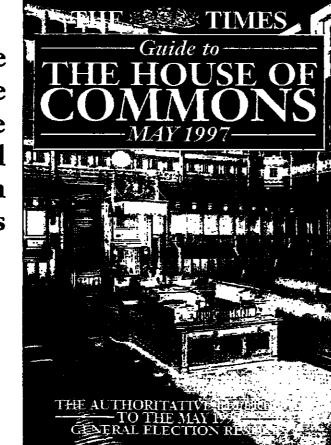
The head teacher had been fair in his approach as he had been aware of the dangers of identifica-tion evidence. However he had not been informed of the circum-stances in which Mrs Taylor made her identification of the applicant.

In the circumstances the decision permanently to exclude the applicant should be set aside notwithstanding that the head teacher had proceeded fairly as it was the only way in which the applicant could be in no worse a position than she would have been in had she been able to exculpate herself before the governors and appeals committee.

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Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Phillips and Lord Justice Robert Walker [Judgment November 25]

A Scott v Avery clause ((1886) 5 HLC 811) [where an arbitration award was a condition precedent to the raising of the action] could not as a matter of construction apply to injunctive proceedings brought for the purpose of enforc-ing the clause itself.

The Court of Appeal so held in an appeal brought by the defen-dant. Societé Cargill France, against the finding by Mr Justice Colman that he was entitled to entertain a claim for declaratory relief and injunctions brought by the plaintiff. Alfred C. Toepfer Clause 31 of GAFTA Form 100

provides: "... the court of England or arbitrators appointed in Eng-land ... shall ... have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes which may arise under this contract." Clause 32(b) provides "Neither party ... shall bring any action or other legal proceedings against the other of them in respect of any

such dispute until such dispute shall first have been heard and determined by the arbitrator(s). . ." Mr Michael Tselentis and Mr David Bailey for Cargill; Mr Stephen Morris for Toepler.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS. delivering the judgment of the court, said that Cargill and Toepfer entered into three con-tracts which required disputes to be resolved by Grain and Rood

the exclusion of any other tribunal That clause should have ensured that the dispute was resolved cheaply and expeditiously by an expert tribunal. The parties had, however, become embroiled in a procedural dispute which raised complex issues as to the interpreta-tion of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, signed at Brussels in

Accordingly those matters would be referred to the European Court of Justice, pursuant to Schedule 2 to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982. Not all the issues involved the Brussels Convention and their Lordships thought it helpful to resolve those which did not turn on

the interpretation of the Conven-When a dispute arose about the condition of cargo, Cargill applied to the Tribunal de Commerce de St Nazaire under an urgent interlocu-tory procedure known as en reféré for the appointment of a court

The French court made the order sought the following day. The French expert asked Toepfer to produce certificates of analysis at the loadport.

Toepler declined to do so on the

expert to ascertain the relevant

ground that under the contractual provisions those were irrelevant. Cargill made a further application to the French court for the production of the certificates.

Cargill rejected the major part of the cargo and called for arbitra-tion. Cargill then nominated their

Five days later the French court heard and dismissed the objections

made en referé. At that stage Cargill had given no indication that they did not intend that the substantive dispute should be resolved by arbitration. Toepfer ther appointed their arbitrator. Toepfer's appeal in France against the two orders made en reféré was

Cargill then issued proceedings in the French court making a substantive claim for damages against Toepfer. At the same time, however, they gave notice renewing the arbitration; something which had to be done every 12 manths under GAFTA Rules. Toepier then referred to GAFTA arbitration a claim for damages on

the ground that Cargill had acted in breach of contract in commencing court proceedings in disregard of the arbitration clause. Cargill purported to renew their arbitration and Toepfer took the point that they were out of time. Toepfer submitted an objection of the jurisdiction of the French court in persect of the submitted. in respect of the substantive proceedings, invoking the excusive GAFTA jurisdiction

clause and sought an order that the French court declare itself incom-petent and refer the proceedings to Toepler also applied to the High Court for injunctions and declaratory relief to prevent Cargill from rsuing the matter in France. Before Mr Justice Colman Cargill argued that clause 32(b) precluded Toepfer from bringing the present proceedings without first obtaining an arbitration

That was a submission not lacking in effrontery, having regard to their old conduct in bringing proceedings in France. Mr Justice Colman gave it very

Short shrift In their Lordships' judgment, as a matter of construction, a Scott v Avery clause could not apply to injunctive proceedings brought for the purpose of enforcing the clause itself. Thus clause 32 did not preclude the judge from entertaining the claim for relief that was

The judge's finding in relation to clause 31 dovetailed neatly with his view of the effect of the Scott v Avery provision in clause 32. He held that the effect of those provisions was to share between the English court and the ar-bitrators exclusive jurisdiction

over all disputes. Those disputes which went to substance fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of the GAFTA arbitrators whereas disputes in rela-tion to ancillary matters fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of the English court.

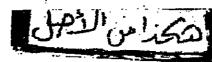
Mr Tselentis challenged that

conclusion. He submitted that clause 31 provided alternative jurisdictional regimes, applicable to all disputes covered by that clause. Their Lordships agreed. Their Lordships did not consider that clause 31 had to be construed as tailored to fit with clause 32 If

the draftsman had wished to apportion jurisdiction between the court and the arbitrators he would not have done so in that way. Clause 31 was designed to apply where the contract provided for arbitration and also where it did nor. Thus the present proceedings were not subject to an agreed

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exclusive English jurisdiction. Solicitors: Mr Brian Perrot Cobham; Middleton Polis



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Here for the Meyerbeer

he Royal Ballet's tour of London theatres brought the company to Festival Hall on Tuesday night for its Christmas season. The Royal is presenting the works of Frederick Ashton, although adults will have to wait for Cinderella on January 6 to get the full measure of his glorious classical writing. For the time being it is children who are being catered for.

Les Patineurs, which Ashton made in 1937, is, however, a delightful example of his skill as a classical choreographer, its light easy humour matched by the flair of line

Les Patineurs/ **Beatrix Potter** Festival Hall

academic writing. Skating is the motif but not the narrative. and Ashton uses the forward thrust of the skater as the inspiration for a work tset to dances by Meyerbeer) that celebrates the joy of movement, be it on ice or on stage.

Miyako Yoshida and Deborah Buil, as the blue skaters. led Tuesday night's cast. They make a good team: Yoshida is sweet and gamine-like. Bull more knowingly flirtatious. Yoshida's fouettes were spoton, no less so Bull's rapid-fire turns in a circle.

Cassidy as the white couple are the tender lovers of the piece. Skating for them is not a display of technical prowess but a few treasured moments of physical closeness. Although their partnership requires more polish. Valtat has a charming period quality which could shine if she was less worried about steps.

For technical prowess you need look no further than Tetsuya Kumakawa as the



A treasured moment: Muriel Valtat and Stuart Cassidy as the white couple in Ashton's 1937 skating ballet, Les Patineurs

male skater in blue. Here are the flash turns and bold jumps of classical virtuosity, packaged in a sparkling demonstration of self-confidence. Kumakawa wasn'i quite up to scratch, the exactness of his execution slipping just a little. But he did perk up in time for

his final solo, bringing the curtain down with a spirited series of turns.

Tales of Beatrix Potter. which came after an absurdly long interval, offered the sight of Potter's cute and cuddly creatures come to life on stage. Fifteen minutes into the ballet, however, and my seven-year-Ballet management, I was told, forbid anyone entering old date felt the call of nature (as did several other children the auditorium during the performance. If the Royal is around me). I duly obliged with a trip to the nearest trying to draw youngsters into the ballet, is this really the way facility only to be informed that we would then not be allowed to return to our seats.

DEBRA CRAINE

THEATRE: A story you can follow and two tales interwoven make for a brace of unusual pantos

Plotting by the stars

Aladdin Hackney Empire

THESE days, pantos are usually so encrusted with celebrities, sportsmen and irrelevant jiggery-pokery that the story gets completely lost. Not so at the Hackney Empire. You can sit in one of London's most beautiful theatres and enjoy a story that actually bears some resemblance to the one that in its time has helped to keep Sheherezade alive and the great clown Grimaldi in financial clover. Why, the show even opens with a longish scene in which Abanazar, that would-be Tamberlaine or Saddam, proclaims his plans for world conquest in rhyming couplets.

Mark you. I don't think either the Arabian storyteller or the Anglo-Italian comic conceived of episodes in which tots are brought on stage to snort and minow in Old Macdonald had a Farm. Still less could they have thought Aladdin would one day have a mother like Barry Howard's Widow

Twanky, with his/her outrageous boobs and exoric dresses. Old Peking, down to its street markets and bits of Forbidden City, is prettily evoked by Alexander McPherson's cardboard theatre sets. A huge blue willowpattern dish appears as background to the story of lovers who escape from a world of heavy fathers and arranged marriages, only to be hunted and hounded to death. That sad little tale, performed by dancers in masks, makes a nice contrast with a nlot in which everyone ends up rewarded, even John Collins's balefully grinning

Abanazar. John David's production could, I suppose, be more inventive at times: but on the whole it seems to me to reconcile contemporary expectation with folk-tale pretty well. Aladdin is a thoroughly charming Patri Boulaye and his/her brother, Wishee Washee, a forlorn and amiably dilapidated Den-

There are jokes about Leyton Orient Hackney's new branch of Tesco and Tony Blair's teeth. None of them is very good, but who, in the end, cared? Not the children jumping to catch the sweeties thrown from the stage, that's for sure.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Oh, yes it is the Bard

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TWO London pantos this year are conflating the Scottish play with a fairy-tale, and a nervous watch is being kept for early signs of Richard III Whittington and Aladdin and Cleopatra. I suppose it is the kilt. Think of a pantomime dame and at once you have a man in a skirt.

The tale of Jack and his amazing egume is not an obvious mate for the Macheths, and the writers of this panto, David Mitchell and Robert Webb, are unable to bring the two plots together until after the interval. This is when Jack (a dapper Lucy Taylor) goes up the bean ladder and finds Scotland in the clouds. Even then, after darting in and out the Glamis oven, he just sits down at the banqueting table between King Macbeth and Tinkerbell (don't ask) and his adventures are at an end.

between the stories, which might not matter so much if they were equally funny. But although they ginger up Jack's lack of trading know-how with a champagne-swilling uncle and a talking faun, the ginger soon runs out. Whereas the possibilities in *Macbeth* are inexhaustible. In addition, it is Webb and Mitchell who play the two leads, and the script they supply for the scenes in which they appear gether sharper and madder. Several members of the Upstage

Mitchell and Webb simply zigzag

Company have played at the Footlights, and the bright, cheeky tone of the show derives from student sketches. Likewise, the bracingly coarse insults that hurtle round the court of King Duncan, where Banquo loves Macbeth and Macbeth thumps anyone who says his wife is really a man. Bits of this are pretty funny, and

probably seem funnier if a good dinner s taken beforehand. We are spared the Porter, and infinitely more enjoyable is the sight of people doubled up as they recall his (of course terrible) jokes. Christopher Richardson's settings cleverly allow the beanstalk to penetrate the clouds, and the director (Jonathan Dryden Taylor) generally cuts dull

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Up and down a crazy year

Richard Morrison looks back on a 1997 that reads more like an episode of Tales of the Unexpected

f you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two impostors just the same ... well, you may or may not be a Man, but you would be ideally equipped to write this account of a crazy, rollercoaster year in the arts. Triumphs and disasters overtook each other so frequently that I was reminded of the Batman comics of my misspent youth - the ones that left our hero clinging to some fraying rope at the end of each instalment, only to kerrpow him to ever more improbable victories seven nail-biting days later.

On the news pages we gawped at headlines of arts organisations in turmoil. How on earth could they survive? And was this what Tony Blair had in mind when, in a bluster of pre-election rhetoric, he said that the arts were "central" to his "vision of a decent and good society ?

Yet when we turned to the arts pages we found not only that the shows had gone on, but that there was scintillation everywhere. There were films no, miracle of miracles.

there were British films, worth seeing Covent twice. New plays worth arguing about. Pop tunes worth whistling. Garden's boss said New painting that aroused violent in the passions. There were even reported autumn to be opera companies that put that it their most exciting performances on could stage, rather than in front of Gerald only get Kaulman's Select

really?

In fact it was in the field of opera that triumph and disaster intermin-

Committee on

gled most disconcertingly. Both English National Opera and the Royal Opera put on many creditable shows. Yet began the year as a target for press abuse, having commissioned a £2.5 million study into the possibility of moving to a new theatre. It then parted unhappily from its general director ha way through the year: and ended 1997 desperately fighting for dence after Units Smith, the Culture Secretary, floated the idea of moving ENO to Covent Garden.

Very unsettling for ENO's punters. In January they were told by ENO chairman John Baker that the company had to quit the Coliseum to survive. The logic of moving is compelling," he said. By November they were getting lectures from the stage on the impor-tance of ENO staying put. Still, at least ENO has a chairman and board. In 12

months its Covent Garden rivals have managed to lose a chief executive, a chairman, a board, a mountain of money on a disastrous ballet season at a rock venue in Hammersmith - and all credibility.

Interviewed by The Times shortly after the Royal Opera House had been bailed out (twice) to avoid bankruptcy. the new chief executive, Mary Allen, declared that things could only get better. Oh really? A fortnight later Kaufman's select committee published its scathing attack on Covent Garden. Allen sur-

vived: her lords and masters did not. Now a new board and chairman, yet to be appointed, must present the best possible case for the Royal Opera House's survival to an operareform committee chaired by Sir Richard Eyre.

The paradox of success and failure coexisting extended to the spoken theatre as well. Dire tales of famous theatres going bust (Liverpool Everyman) or running up heavy losses (Chichester, the RSC) were mixed with stories of heartwarming successes. The Old Vic was resurrected, albeit temporarily, as a magnificent centre for serious rep, thanks to the Mirvish millions and the Peter Hall flair. The reconstructed Globe was declared a hit: eccentric but refreshingly different, like its actor-manager Mark Rylance.

Lord Lloyd-Webber announced that his Really Useful Group — hitherto considered among the more buoyant showbiz institutions - was expecting big losses this year. and blamed it on the waning attractions of mega-musicals. But are they waning? Hardly.

Disney's £10 million stage version of its screen hit Beauty and the Beast enchanted even the stoniest scribes, and Chicago won rave reviews for a sharp. saucy production featuring tooth-some Ruthie Henshall and leggy Ute Lemper. Amazingly. the

films that people discussed most often this year mostly better. Oh had a strong British input. The Isle of Wight's new hero, Anthony Minghella, saw his English Patient snatch nine

Oscars. Better still, the film helped Michael Ondaatjie's complex novel to put on a remarkable 180,000 extra sales in three weeks.

The Full Monty. Brassed Off and Fever Pitch all struck chords with overseas audiences despite their downbeat English concerns. And Wilde redeemed the career of Stephen Fry, and also outraged Oscar Wilde's grandson, ar parently because it portrayed Wilde as "too homosexual".

he visual art year was dominated by one show and, within that, one painting. The show was Sensation, the Royal Academy's attempt to hitch itself to trendy "Britart" and boost its empty coffers. It succeeded in both aims. The picture was Marcus Harvey's startling portrait of Myra Hindley made from children's handprints. It hit a nerve in the national psyche that jangled for weeks.

Meanwhile, an increasingly acrimonious row about admission charges soured the museums world. Lost in the argument was the underlying reality that Britain's museums, though stacked with beautiful things, are not perceived by the public as being exciting places to visit — certainly not compared with the sensations created abroad by the opening of Frank Gehry's astonishing Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and



Richard Meier's fabulous Getty Centre in Los Angeles. Pop had a peculiar year. The

music press raved about cutting-edge groups like Radiohead - yet the top-selling songs remained obstinately non-musical in their appeal. Elton John performed with magisterial professionalism at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and notched up sales of 33 million for Candle in the Wind. A BBC promotion based on Lou Reed's Perfect Day turned into a huge hit. Single-sex groups such as the

Spice Girls. Boyzone, All Saints and Five traded with brilliant success on that timehonoured formula: good looks, youth and energy.

A gangsta-rapper was shot dead; a pop star died in sordid circumstances in Sydney's poshest hotel: a song called Smack My Bitch Up created a predictable swish of moral outrage ... yes, it was business as usual in the pop world. Classical music suffered more than its fair share of gimmicks. From the sad David Helfgott's attempts to cash in on Shine to the tacky Mediaeval Babes, from Sir Paul McCartney's embarrassing Standing Stone to the latest lady violinist to be marketed in a wet T-shirt, there appeared to be a lot more hype than talent around.

et not everything was dumbed down. Big London festivals were devoted to contemporary composers such as James MacMillan and Gyorgy Ligeti. And Nigel Kennedy, the best British violinist of our age, made a superb comeback: his Festival Hall recital of Bach, Bartok and Hendrix was stunning. Later he announced that he now wants to be known simply as "Kennedy". He can call himself Vlad the Impaler for all his fans

care, so long as he keeps playing like this. Finally, what of our political masters? Rapture was unconfined in Luvviedom as Blair's babes and boys arrived in office. Eight months later, gloom is the order of the day. Almost nothing has changed,

except that the Arts Council has been weakened by direct political interventions.

Still, Peter-Mandelson's £800 million "Dome of Doom" is just two years away - though its contents are still a closely guarded secret, ostensibly to save the public from "premature frenzy". How thoughtful! Debacle-watchers sense that the fiasco of the century, if not the entire millennium, is now being constructed on a contaminated peninsula in southeast London. Too pessimistic? We

Cheers to a poor but happy medium

RADIO: Crackers for Christmas

There is a persistent belief that at Christmas virtually the entire nation gathers round televisions, leaving a few thousand rather tragic cases, mostly the old, the infirm, the poverty-stricken and radio critics, to clutch at a radio set for warmth. If so, those groups scarcely know how lucky they are.

Radio is the medium that makes a qualitative effort at this time of the year, eschewing the formulaic approach of television. Even stations not normally associated with original programming have made the effort. Talk Radio has a documentary coming up tomorrow about racism in football. It is called The Law With The Flaw and the flaw is that the 1991 Football Offences Act allows a prosecution only if two or more people are shouting offensive remarks, a loophole rather subtly exploited by thugs who spread themselves out in a crowd.

The sheer scale of the BBC makes its output the principal measure of radio at Christmas and it is here that the contrast with television is starkest. My own theory is that the relative financial poverty of radio makes it better, not worse, than television at Christmas because the poor have to try harder (especially under new

BC Radio is also a coat of many colours. Listeners to some of the corporation's networks yesterday and today would scarcely guess it was Christmas at all. The award for dogged distinctiveness must go to Radio 5 Live which, in spite of seasonal references, had virtually nothing that was outside its esual remit. Yesterday the network even put out Sportscall Live with the caus-tic Dominick Diamond at 9am, just in case anyone had thought they were waking up to a day with a difference. Radio 3 for the most part

stands above the fray: sometimes its strenuous efforts to avoid looking tacky can be infuriating. It ran a secular mas Day and even the one overtly religious programme, yesterday's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, was a repeat from Radio 4's Christmas Eve output.

Radios i and 2 become ever more distinctive as the months go by. The former is determinedly festive but not remotely religious, the latter is sentimental with touches of religiosity. But neither even attempts to match Radio 4 for presenting the very image of the British Christmas.

Yesterday's Radio 4 schedule had tradition written all over it without seeming oldfashioned. The Queen at 9am, a magic show at noon, some Dickens, classic comedy, a (very good) short documentary by Mark Tully about Joseph of Nazareth, and a down-to-earth, but Christmassy, drama.

The network that gets so many of its diehard listeners so worked up has been, reassuringly, its old seif.

PETER BARNARD

All the electricity of the greats without the static

💙 et your rare Toscanini CDs here! Beecham bargains this way! Those are not cries heard regularly on the streets. even outside specialist record shops. But courtesy of Klaus Heymann's bargain label Naxos, they soon might be. At the beginning of December his company launched a Historical series at its regular low-price mark.

Characteristically, it plunged in at the deep end, issuing seven complete operas (on two and three-CD sets) recorded during the 1930s and 1940s, the early days of the famous radio broadcasts from New York's Metropolitan Opera. An eighth set, Johann Strauss's A Night in Venice, comes from a

contemporary German broadcast. Naxos's sources for this first release are the archives of the Canada-based Immortal Performances Record Music Society (IPRMS), recommended to Heymann by the series producer Jonathan Wearn. The secordings. mostly from radio "transcription dises", but some from private collectors' tapes, were remastered

RECORDS:

Mike Ashman on a series of historic

performances given new life by

computer wizardry

by the collector and IPRMS archivist Richard Caniell, then computer-cleaned.

The Mer operas in this first tranche are Gluck's Armide, Gounod's Faust, Donizetti's La Fille du Regiment, Mozart's Don Giovanni. Offenbach's The Tales of Hoffmann, Massener's Manon and Wagner's Tristan und Isolde. An unconventional selection,

Heymann hopes the Historical series will interest the "increasingly sophisticated Naxos buyer someone, for example, who is buying all the label's new series of

Liszt's solo piano music. Another hope is that the obsessive collector will be led from following just one artist to buying complete works or, best of all, that the series will intrigue a new generation of collectors. Now, for less than a tenner, you can hear the much-discussed Ezio Pinza, not moonlighting as Emile in South Pacific, but in his day job as Mozart's diabolic seducer, or as the Devil himself in Faust - and without that familiar 78rpm

hail of static. Try Naxos's 1942 Don Giovanni first. The conductor Bruno Walter was noted for both Mozart and opera, but mainly remembered these days from saintly recordings made in older age. Here, he launches Elvira's entrance aria at a tempo that makes today's periodinstrument conductors sound like late Otto Klemperer. His fiery. dramatic reading balances the score well — winds, for example, never get lost. It's big, certainly, but

it's always Mozart. The cast has weight, but also wit. Alexander Kipnis, famous in tragic bass roles, is a nimble Leporello:







(From left) Arturo Toscanini, Sir Thomas Beecham and Bruno Walter are among the conductors featured

Rose Bampton, soon to be Toscanini's Leonore, is Anna; Bidu Sayao. acclaimed for more consumptive heroines, is Zerlina; and, at last, we hear Pinza in his signature role (suavely aristocratic but, on some enchanted afternoons, obviously prone to run ahead of the heat). -

The all-German performance (1938) of A Night in Venice shows off the in-the-blood style of singers Marcel Wittrisch, Erich Zimmer-mann and Karl Schmitt-Walter in unforcedly witty enunciation of sung and spoken text. As Donizetti's military orphan, the daughter of the regiment, it is the tiny

French-Italian diva Lily Pons who stars - the mot juste for a lady noted for a spell in Hollywood and sparing attendance at rehearsals. It was recorded in December 1940, so all references to the French flag excite the audience, while guffaws and applause greet every move by the giant Italian buffo Salvatore Baccalonis Sergeant Sulpice.

The real question for a popular label must be can you listen to these performances in 1998 withour relying on nostalgia and aural imagination to compensate for poor sound? No two companies, engineers, or even critics agree on how

much it is legitimate to "interfere" with an original source. Naxos's source material was taken down in live performance. Pitch problems, missing fragments of music, the noise that relatively primitive reproducing systems made - all mean big work for a reissue engineer. The Naxos transfers [have sampled are interventionist, but the noise-reduction processes have not killed the atmosphere. They are good on pitch and continuity (a big achievement), if lacking the last refinement of

acoustic consistency. There are a few teething troubles.

Naxos's booklets should carry a plot synopsis as well as an historical recording note, and spell names of performers and roles better. There is talk of drawing on other opera houses' archives - try Covent Garden's trawl from the 1930s, largely ignored by EMI — but care should be taken that the best items are selected for issue. Better Met performances of Faust and Hoffmann than Naxos's have circulated.

n the next year Naxos plans a further 18 operas, including Rigoletto (with charismatic baritone actor Lawrence Tibbetti, Charpentier's Louise (with filmstar diva Grace Moore, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham) and The Magic Flute from the prewar Salzburg Festival, where Toscanini conducted and one Georg Solti played glockenspiel.

There will also be an extensive Toscanini edition (initially 26 releases) which will provide alternatives to performances already released by RCA. It will come in two-CD packs and include the much sought-after 1930s New York Beethoven symphony cycle,

Naxos's new series is not, of course, about digital high fidelity. but it does provide inexpensive and listenable access to performances that are the musical equivalent of Hollywood's great black-and-white

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A child of six could do that

The daubings of children have inspired much great modern

art, as a new book demonstrates. Richard Cork reports

hen Roger Fry mounted his volcanic Post-Impressionist show in 1910. London was shaken by this sudden exposure to the revolutionary forces of modern art. Horrified by the exhibition, my predecessor on The Times claimed in this newspaper that "it throws away all that the long-developed skill of past artists had acquired and perpetuated. It begins all over again — and stops where a child would stop ... it is the rejection of all that civilisation has done, the good with the bad,"

Many of the incensed viewers who thronged the Grafton Galleries, and vented their indignation in the visitors' book, agreed with this unbridled verdict. The survey, spanning innovatory developments in European art from Manet to Matisse, offered to their affronted eyes evidence of galloping infantilism. They considered it wilfully crude, the daubing of charlatans in callow flight from everything a mature, sophisticated and technically accomplished artist should be expected to produce.

Similar accusations have been hurled at audacious work ever since. "A child of six could do it" continues to be trotted out as a wellworn expression of outrage by intemperate gallery-goers today. But the viewers who regurgitate this platitude fail to understand that artists themselves find nothing offensive in such an accusation. On the contrary; they regard it as a compliment well worth receiving. For the work produced by children has been a central source of inspiration to many major 20thcentury painters.

Until now, the full extent of their debt has not been appreciated. But in an illuminating and at times revelatory new book, Jonathan Fineberg reveals just how dependent the great masters of Modernism were on child art. Fineberg, who is Professor of Art History at the University of Illinois, became fascinated by the subject when an invitation arrived from the Detroit Institute of Arts. They asked him to organise an exhibition directly

outstanding 20th-century works of art. He felt sceptical at first. After all, how far could anyone argue that the protean genius of Picasso was fundamentally dependent on stimulus provided by untutored image-makers, whose experience of the world is so limited? The truth, however, swept away Fineberg's initial doubts, and made him embark on the most exciting journey into art history I have ever undertaken".

He turned first to Kandinsky. whose pioneering pre-1914 abstrac-tions had already been the focus of his doctoral dissertation. Like other historians, he knew that Kandinsky

> 6 At the end of my life I will recover all the force of my childhood ?

had pointed out in 1912 how "the child is indifferent to practical meanings since he looks at everything with fresh eyes, and he still has the natural ability to absorb the thing as such". Kandinsky argued in his theoretical writings that child art showed him how he could jettison "worldly" perception, and discover instead a more universal language. But Fineberg suspected, when looking again at the work Kandinsky produced, that it included a hitherto unguessed-at range of references to particular children's pictures.

Was it possible that Kandinsky, and other painters of his calibre, owned collections of child art? And might they still be preserved somewhere? An overwhelmingly posi-tive answer came from Fineberg's first inquiry: the Lenbachhaus in Munich. Here, in storage, was the archive of Gabriele Munter, the artist who lived with Kandinsky before the First World War. It still contained the children's pictures comparing children's pictures to they had collected during those

prodigiously inventive years. And many of them, especially the primitive" work produced by four-year-olds, were used in Kandinsky's own paintings.

A coloured drawing of an ele-phant, by a Russian girl called Lilja Kenda, is quoted in his 1909 canvas the same subject. But Kandinsky's animal seems even more markedly "naive" than Lilja's. He encloses the elephant in thick, brusque outlines, and paints on its back a drape spattered with freely applied stabs of sensuous colour. Kandinsky was obsessed by what he termed "the inner sound of the subject". He used this remarkable collection of images as a springboard for his own, radical attempt to escape from naturalism and arouse the spiritual consciousness of the viewer.

Other artists found fruitful inspiration in the work they had produced during their own childhoods. Impatient with the academic paintings he was making in Rome, Klee discovered some early drawings preserved in his parents' shed. He found them far more exciting, in their wit and freedom from convention, than his current work, Between 1903 and 1905 Klee made 17 Inventions which, in their grotesquely distorted comedy, owe a great deal to the example of his boyhood pictures. For the rest of his career he would find stimulus in the spontaneity, directness and raw dynamism of children's work.

casso likewise saw it as a lifelong preoccupation. Accompanying Sir Herbert Read round a child art show in Paris after the Second World War, he studied the exhibits with rapt attention. Then, turning to Read, he said: "When I was the age of these children I could draw like Raphael. It took me many years to learn how to draw like these children." Although he never used their images in his work, Picasso studied his own children's pictures with enormous delight. When painting Claude and Paloma Picasso making art, he used a style frankly indebted to their swift, impulsive simplicity. And he la-



Joan Miró discussing a drawing by his daughter Dolorès with her: he preserved her pictures with great care in annotated envelopes

mented the fact that his father, a professor of drawing, had encouraged him to vie with academic ideals from an early age.

Time and again in the present century, artists recognised how much they had to gain by casting adult conventions aside. The energy and exhilaration of Miro's work is paralleled in the pictures produced by his daughter Dolores. He the medium, the more I return to relished her zest, finding in it a confirmation of the direction he had himself pursued. Miro preserved her early pictures with great care in annotated portfolio envelopes, and even sent one to Kandinsky in 1935. Around 30

years later, he declared that "the

older I get and the more I master

my earliest experiences. I think that at the end of my life I will recover all the force of my childhood."

He succeeded in doing so, arriving in his old age at a vision that Fineberg describes as "a subversive innocence". Those three words can stand as a telling summary of the essential attraction of children's

irrepressible vivacity of modern art has been invaluable, and deserves a special accolade at a time when education has been moved to the very centre of the political stage.

● The Innocent Eye: Children's Art and the Modern Artist by Jonathan Fineberg is published by Princeton University Press, price £00

Boxing Day Jumbo Crossword Competition

ACROSS

I When will we sing in celebration today? (2,3,5,2,7) 11 Rejected what Jack's wife did about

female material (7)

15 One taking liberty could be at it! (5) 16 Equestrian always carries key books

17 This isn't made plain in the bar (4.9)

18 Lock rented jewellery first (7) 19 Not contemplating being inconsid-

erate (11) 20 One missing flight - East German.

well-off (7)

21 Am I still operating illegally? (10)

22 Disagreeing, when playing big hits

and other numbers (2.5.3.6)

25 To some extent, one appears to go with the tide (4)

26 Stick by legal term, perhaps an invention of the Musicians Union

27 Figure a cynic may apply to Military

Intelligence (8)

32 This may cover Jack, until brief paragraph's edited (9)

33 This Scottish town could provide

equipment for salon within the hour

34 Far-seeing scientist may use this (9)

35 In Crete, perhaps. I give a poetry reading (6)

37 Complaint - English king's mistress rejected for Shakespearean role (8)

39 Revised view of clairvoyant? (6.5) 41 A force to be reckoned with, operating from the centre of things (11)

42 Assistance with a wager - deliberate eavesdropping (8)

43 County near collapsing - that's one in the eye for spectators! (6)

45 Outcome of section in bowls tourпатрепт (3,6)

46 Implement a chef's requirement (7) 48 It's antique, engraved on the outside

- could be beaten? (9) 50 Show what's been programmed (8) 52 Breathe in gas fuels, and faint, going

wobbly (10) 53 Element of insulting ridicule in

certain bars (4) 57 There'll be room for me to fit, in

theory (8.8)

60 It could make you tense, having to

study Latin (10)

part of declining years (11)

Absolutely! (13)

68 A page of seasonal entertainment (7) 69 Ass is in a hole, without wife's

backing (5)

71 Circled the right letter, as proof of one's claim (10.5.4)

1 Our mild is brewed in metal container (3.4)

2 This animal no longer usually accompanies us. Rex [1] 3 Does it help one observing spectacle

in New York? (8) 4 Current fashion (12)

5 A reasonable display, uncharacteris-

tically low-key (9,3.5)

6 Drink first two up, given the choice

7 More attractive pair coming in. comparatively vivacious (11)

8 Half of them satisfied one of the local workers (5)

9 Greek chap will shortly introduce three points (7)

10 lt's vital, when going after the money (9)

11 Anything up with sheep that's been duplicated? (7)

So Nijinsky may have rejected a meal, given first-hand information

13 One's bound to see mistakes in the

14 Boarding steam loco - your traditional gem (8)

23 Knowing little of part of the reign or ancestry (9) 24 Prepared disclaimer - didn't injured

lion-tamer do this, when told to? (6,6)

25 Sweet-sounding combination that may take Brazil apart (10)

27 So I'm very (lip, when disposed to do this? (12)

28 Not a square, having more breadth, perhaps (6)

29 One's made a quick pile, producing fuel (4.7.7) 30 A bit of spirit shown by the head (6)

Are such compliments passed out by socialists? (4-6) 34 But it shouldn't make one collapse

on Boxing Day! (9.8) 36 Woman nominated has the ability to

lead the country (6) 38 Left article to be put in late in the day, making certain modifications

40 Iron fixed up with safety device

designed to give out (6) 44 Said au revoir in Madrid (5,2,5)

47 Sleep with cubist, disgracefully eas-

49 The facility to fill up a field with fruit

trees? (7.4) 51 Is one supposed to wink at other

motorists? (9) 54 A feature of a coat of many colours?

55 Featuring Burns in a class for pupils

of a certain ability (8) 56 I should replace first vowel in word

game - not a good draw (8) 58 My contract binds me to proceed

with refurbishments - of Globe, that 59 Show a bit of leg - enjoy the party!

6) Secure way to earn a living in broadcasting system (7)

ADDRESS.

62 Summons made VIP squirm (6) 65 69 perhaps, about past in great

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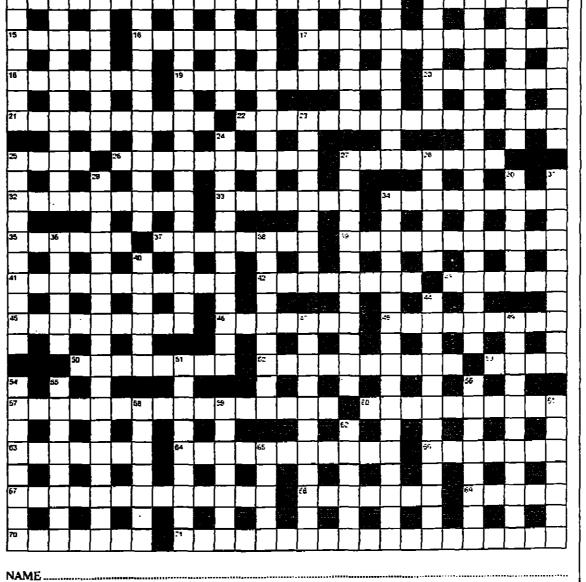
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Times Two Crossword

H Strife, clashing (7) 15 Courted (5)

17 Shak, misanthrope play

18 Spring back; tied again (7)

19 Rusting process (II) 20 Completely finished (3.4)

21 Ridiculing (10)

22 Najvety (6-10) 25 Peri girl (4)

26 Flock together (10)

27 Coin-operated calling

32 A pastry, a preserve (9) 33 Gernstone: one reflective at

night (4-3)

34 Candy floss stuff (4.5)

35 Put right (b)

37 One to be sniffed in (8) 39 Dampening (the air) (11)

41 Proper (behaviour) (Fr.)

42 Undeviating (8) 43 Set-piece fight (b)

 $\{5, 2, 4\}$

46 Across (ship's) path (7) 48 Infamous (9)

45 Ee Derby runner (9)

50 Diagonally-corded (tyre)

52 Exmoor movel (Blackmore)

53 Nurse; incline (4)

57 Being too sweeping (16)

60 (Church) factionalist (10) 63 Son of Polonius (7)

64 Wave meaningfully (II)

66 Item of clothing (7) 67 Rough result (13)

68 (Cardinal nominated) secretty (25)

69 Do hastily, poorly (5) 70 First RC president of US (7)

71 Ticklish legal decisions have unwelcome effect

(4.5, 4.3, 3)

DOWN

1 In direction of (7)

3 Maoist Cultural

4 Benevolent (4-8)

2 Immoderateness (II)

Revolutionary (3.5)

5 Keats immortal Bird! poem

There are no prizes for this competition. The answers will be published on Monday. December 29

I One worn by king of Hungary (3.5,2.2.7)

16 Looking lastiviously (7)

(3.2.1,11)

6 Courage; soul (6) 7 Meaningful (II)

> 8 On top (5) 9 Skirt length (7)

10 Unimportant person (9) II To cheat (7)

12 Made eg a will (7.4.7) 13 Summary introduction (8)

14 Suspicion (8) 23 Compere (9)

24 Trading fleet (8.4) 25 Ledge to support standing

27 BC (era) (3-9) 28 Badgers; dogs (6)

monk (IO)

29 Speak appropriately (0.3, 5.4)

30 Prejudiced against elderly

31 Moved forward (10)

34 Classical band (8.9)

36 Abrasive stone (6)

38 Agamemnon dramatist (9) 40 Emergency signals: widebottomed trousers (6)

44 Permanent source of

amusement (8,4) 47 Study of flight (1))

49 Past one's prime (4,3,4)

51 Block of text (9) 54 Lord Chancellor's seat (8)

55 Never-growing up boy (5.3) 56 Food of gods (8)

58 In unpleasant way (7) 59 More rudely healthy (7)

61 One manipulated by another (4-3)

62 South American plain (6) 65 Type of bond (chem.):

a Greek order (5)

63 Line up, charting, before dance? It should put one in pocket (3.4) 64 Play the queen in 1252 - turbulent

66 Most proud of cosy home, after state one found first (7) 67 Found guilty, 1'd meant to reform?

70 Show approval of last runner, not

EDUCATION

Midnight service on BBC1 made history by featuring a female choir, says Hugh Thompson

Girls achieve critical Mass

he sung Eucharist on BBC1 on Christmas Eve came from Salisbury Cathedral. Not only was it among the most popular televised services of the year, but also it was a small piece of history for church and women. For leading the singing was not only a boys', but also a girls' choir.

Five years ago, there were no girls' choirs in English cathedrals. It was then that Salisbury Cathedral preparatory school switched to coeducation. The school decided that the process would be complete, and consistent with the emancipation of women in the Church, only if the school supplied 19 girl choristers as well as 19 boy singers. Today that practice is common in a dozen cathedrals.

For the girl choristers, who sing 12 hours a week on average, on top of their school work, the national event on Christmas Eve was, although special, all in a day's work.

The lead chorister, Rosemary Moorsom. 12, says: "The most important thing for us is that it puts us on a par with the boys. There is still a feeling that they are the real choir and we are something else. Performing like this on television

helps change that view." All the girls join at eight after tests that look for musical ability (they have to sight-read at nine), a good voice and academic attitude - and leave at 13. Each week there are eight hours of practice and four hours of performing.

Khetsiwe Gile-Rowlev. whose parents live in Hong Kong, says: "The greatest thing is the opportunity to sing and enjoy the music. We would like more free time and I wish my parents were here. but I love the sense of achievement which comes from doing something well. If any girl is interested in joining I say go for it, you learn to love the



Note perfect: girl choristers Khetsiwe Gile-Rowley, Beanie Howard, Olivia Paterson and Rosemary Moorsom practise at Salisbury Cathedral

girls' choirs, although they often sing together. The girls still feel that because the boys have been around longer they are given better facilities and prominence.

For a start, because the boys' choir is better off financially the boy choristers have at least half their fees paid, while the girls get just a quarter off. "It's all a bit unfair. Last year we went to France while the boys' choir went to America. The boys have only been singing 900 years," says Sarah Mynott, another choir member.

Because they have been trained to professional standards, most girl (and boy) musical scholarships to public schools, though typically some are so talented that they have the ability to gain academic scholarships as well. All reach grade six in at least one instrument, and some reach grade eight, by the time they

There is little like a choir school in terms of training. The choristers must practise perform, be ready and be on time wearing cloaks and sur-

plices. They learn discipline: because they are performing and practising so much music they have to learn time management to do their other As the acting headmistress

Christine Rolt says: "There is no shirking, they cannot say they don't feel like it. They develop terrific team spirit. The show has to go on. Of course the girls grumble. They would like more free time to chat, watch soap operas and experiment with make-up. "What does happen is that

they tend to use their little free time very constructively. In a few years I can't imagine there will be a cathedral in Britain which denies girls the oppor-

Although going to church seems to be in continual decline, choral music, to judge by the sales of CDs, bucks the chant or one of the dozen or so

classic hymns. Although the choristers enjoy the music and the challenge of new construction, "they too prefer the belters to the Tudor music". says Salisbury Cathedral's director of music, Simon Lowle.

The difference between the two choirs is that a boy's voice before it breaks has a lovely resonance and the girls overall have a sweeter tone, so one adjusts the music accordingly," he says. "Musically, there is no difference in talent. The more you push them, the more you get out of them.

'Naturally they have their off-days and they have days when they are heavenly. It is sometimes easy to forget, since they are so professional, that

The choristers, too, admit to getting it wrong occasionally, but they are so far ahead of the congregation musically that when they have captured the

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Spelling out a condition

Why Hazel Martin is relieved to find that her son has dyslexia

the big day this year, the news that my son is dyslexic. He is 13, an affectionate kid with a good sense of humour. nice manners and friends, and he is sometimes disconcertingly shrewd. His school reports, however, tell another story. They are symphonics in D and E, with a leitmorif of "lacks organisation", "lacks effort", "easily distracted" and

occasionally disruptive". We've lectured him endless ly on pulling his socks up. nagged, threatened and used bribes — and none of it has worked. He does

better for a while and then it drifts back to Ds and Es. On and off I had thought there might be a block to his concentration since infant school. He was slow to read, knew his letters but could not make words. However, by the time the word "dyslexia" had formed in

my mind, he was reading. He daydreamed through junior school, but he passed the entry

timetables, and, of course, poor reports. But Chris was reading and writing fluently and he was obviously bright. My brother once showed him the sign alphabet, and Chris flawlessly demonstrated it to a friend who is deaf. And, as other mothers confirm, boys are naturally forgetful and disorganised. OK, I thought, I am looking for excuses. He is just a lazy little toad. So the lectures continued and we struggled on.

Then, after the last pitiful report, his father and his school head of year discussed the possibility of sterner disci-pline. Coming down on him "like a ton of bricks" was the phrase used, and it made me cringe. That and the fact that he got his first adolescent pimple spurred me into action. We had had enough of a struggle. If we came down on moody, awkward years of adolescence, we would all be

in deep trouble. I decided to discount the ing dyslexia from the prob-

got my best Christmas present a few days before and the school and it is likely to take two years," they said. "Go to a chartered psychologist for a private assessment and it is expensive but you

> private assessment and now we know. Chris is dyslexic. Not only is he dyslexic, he is very bright. His verbal IQ is 123, which puts him in the top 6 per cent of the population, so

I wept when I got the news

with relief because he is not just lazy, with regret for not having had him assessed sooner, and for all those times I had told him to get his

had a leitmotif of 'easily distracted'

test for grammar school. The first year involved a slog through lost books and will know straight away." So we forked out £350 for a

e has been masking it

His school act together when clearly he had been reports making a huge I do wonder what might have happened if we had not had £350. And why, if 10 per

> is not more information to help parents and teachers to spot the tell-tale signs - not just an inability to read or mirror-writing, but essays with no logical order. problems with foreign languages, easy loss of concentration, disorganisation, diffi-culty in planning time, lost or forgotten homework and an inability to listen and take notes at the same time. These are classic symptoms, and

cent of the popula-

tion is dyslexic to

some degree, there

Chris showed them all. Specialised tutoring will help, and Ritalin, the drug prescribed for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, may be right for him. We will see. What support we'll get from his school also remains to be

As for Chris, he is not thrilled about this new label, but he is reassured that he is in good company. Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Tom Cruise and Whoopi Goldberg. to name but a few, were or are

"Just think, Mum," he said with a grin the morning after we got the news, "once we get this dyslexia sorted there'll be no stopping me." It was, as I say, a wonderful

Christmas present. British Dyslexia Assocation Helpline (O) IS 966 8271)

Dyslexia Consultancy: Josephine Durling, Chartered Psychologist (01245 420462)

nobody notices. Like seasoned trend. Most people, whatever excuses, so I rang the British their faith, cannot resist a good Dyslexia Association to find professionals, they also know out how to go about eliminatcarol, requiem, Gregorian

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the headmaster's office at Harrow School, you can see across London as far Central Foundation School for Girls is a world away from

the £14,200-a-year boys' boarding school, yet both heads are working together to improve leadership training Bornford, the Headmaster of Harrow, is chairman of the study group. Training for Leadership and Responsibility in the 21st Century, and Pat Hull is a prominent committee

The group was set up to highlight the best practice from schools of all types to answer the growing chorus from politicians and employers for more vocational training. The Government is itself considering ways of testing the "key skills" of communication, numeracy and teamwork as part of the entry criteria for

university.

The need for guidance be-came apparent to Mr Bornford when Harrow wanted to upand had to develop programmes for the report.

"We asked for samples of good practice, and were sent a number of papers by schools in the independent and maintained sector. We hope to present a document next year," he says.

"At Harrow, we want to make certain that everyone is involved and the idea of responsibility is developed — both for themselves and others."

This kind of training has an even more fundamental role at Central Foundation School. Without self-confidence, many of the mainly Muslim pupils may not fulfil their potential. "Most of the reports from schools had been to do with

Outward Bound and military

cadet training, she says. But

team-building trips to faraway

places have little relevance for Ms Hull, who has been head

since 1988, and joined the with quite a high record of committee to ensure it would unemployment. Most have not be of benefit to inner-city got an academic role model at comprehensives. home. We work towards them

Nicholas Bomford, Headmaster of Harrow School

taking on more and more

councils to give girls a say in school life. The older pupils act

as mentors for the 11-year-olds. And on an individual level,

each girl agrees the term's

targets with her teachers in

The changes are beginning

She has introduced student

responsibility."

every subject.

"My considerations are for a socio-economically deprived area where most of the pupils are bilingual and there is a cultural constraint on what children are allowed to do independent of their families.

"It means most of the training for leadership and confi-dence-building has to take place inside the school. Most pupils are from large families to show academic as well as

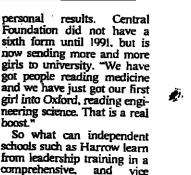
now sending more and more girls to university. "We have got people reading medicine and we have just got our first girl into Oxford, reading engineering science. That is a real

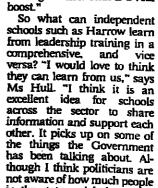
sector already share.

Central Foundation has already been exchanging sixthformers for A-level lessons with James Allen's Girls' School in Dulwich. "It is invaluable for socialising and raising students' horizons and opportunities as well as getting to know people outside the East End. Long-term friend-

Training for Leadership and Responsibility in the 21st Century was set up and sponsored by World Challenge Expeditions, which runs trips to countries such as India and

ications director, says the company wanted to improve skills training for all pupils, especially those unable to go on trips abroad. Our programmes aim to develop key skills such as leadership and team-working but we think that travelling overseas for an expedition is not for everybody, although the essential skills are something everybody could benefit from," he says. "It is also timely in that





ships are being formed. We intend to do it again."

Ecuador for teenagers.

Mark Fawcett, its communkey skills training is what both politicians and schools are AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

A chance to go the distance for Diana

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Wanted: 20 people to run the marathon as fundraisers for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund



he Times has secured 20 places for its readers to take part in the Flora London Marathon and help raise more than the target of £5 million for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial

The Times 20 will be part of Team Flora, in which all the runners will be fundraising for the Memorial Fund, one of the two official charities for the race next year. A special panel has been set up to select readers wanting to 'Run for Diana' over the historic distance through the streets of London on Sunday, April 26

The Times will also publish the complete results of the race — from the international heroes and heroines at the front to the determined joggers at the back.

There has already been unprecedented interest in the 1998 event. A record 100,000 people applied to enter, including 20,000 who specifically responded to an invitation to run for the Memorial Fund.

This year, it was televised in more than 100 countries and 600,000 people lined the London streets to cheer on



the 29,135 competitors, who ran from Greenwich to the Mall, triumphantly finishing the course of 26 miles

The fund-raising for the Memorial Fund will be poignant for many of the competitors next year because they will be running on the streets where the coffin of the Princess was carried at her funeral on September 6. It will also be 10 years since she was the official starter of the

come from people who have already been informed that runners' stories and prepathey have been selected to take part in the 1998 race.

They should be from those people, who have already been rejected or from anyone else who feels they can be inspired by the attempt to run the epic distance. Both men and women, experienced runners and novices, will be considered.

The names of the chosen 20 will be published in The Times on Monday, January Applications should not 19 and the newspaper will

then highlight some of the ration in the build-up to the event itself

All the members of Team Flora will be supported and helped with all aspects of the marathon running and fund-raising, from training and nutrition to self- motivation, by a specially-selected support team. Every penny raised by the 250 runners will go to the Memorial Fund, as all administration costs will be covered by the

THE TIMES DIANA TEAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Read the form below carefully: the judges will base their decision on what you reveal in this form. All the winners who take part in the marathon on April 26 will be asked to sign a pledge form relating to their commitment to

entry forms for the chance to win a place in the Diana Team should reach the following address by January 9, 1998: The Times Diana Team, Flora London Marathon. PO Box 5071, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 7FY. Judging will

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Have you, a relative or friend, ever met Princess Diana? If yes, describe the occasion	
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Have you, a relative or friend, any connection with any of the Diana. Princess of Wales, charities, or a special reason for wanting to be in the Diana team? Describe your connection	State, in not more than 50 words, why you deserve a place in this year's marathon

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Equities lower after late sell-off

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.



MICHAEL CLARK Stock Market Writer

Index holds above 5,000 in face of late selling

year on a flat note after falling a further lp to yet another new low of 128p during the shortened trading session on Christmas Eve. Volume was on the low side, with just 255,000 shares changing hands but the group's decline from a peak of 190's p this year will be worrying to brokers. The problems facing one of Europe's biggest steel producers were highlighted on Tuesday by the latest trade figures. The strong round is making it was strong round in the strong round in the strong round is making it was strong round in the strong round in the strong round is making it was strong round in the strong round in the strong round is making it was strong round in the strong round in the strong round in the strong round is making it was strong round in the strong round in the strong round in the strong round is making it was strong round in the strong round round in the strong round strong pound is making it uncompetitive against major rivals and affecting profits. Industry sources claim that the steel industry has lost more than £1 billion in

orders during the past year.
London opened lower, reflecting the
127-point fall by the Dow Jones industrial average overnight. But it managed to

selling orders that left the FTSE 100 index 35.9 points down at 5.013.9 by the close. Turnover was the lowest of the year with just 241 million shares traded.

Cadbury Schweppes continued to lose ground, ending 72p lower at 60lp amid concern about increased competition. This follows Coca-Cola's acquisition of Orangina, which brings it into direct competition with Cadbury's Sunkist. Blue Circle Industries rose op to 338p

in celebration of regaining its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies. BCI had been kicked out earlier in the week as part of the usual quarterly reshuffle, along with RMC, down 4p at 848p, and

TI Group, 3p better at 470p.

One of the companies that replaced

them was Mercury Asset Management, all-square at £16.93, just hours before its £3.1 billion agreed bid from Merrill Lynch

The biggest turkey award of the pre-Christmas trading session went to Danka Business Systems, down 26p, or almost 10½ per cent, to 222½ p. The fall came after a party of shareholders filed a lawsuit against the company alleging it issued misleading statements about the integra-tion of Eastman Kodak's office imaging division into its operations. Earlier this month Danka issued a profits warning saying revenues would be £30 million lower than expected.

Reports this week that demand for computer games had been so great that some branches of Dixons were running out of stock may also be good news for The Electronic Boutique, another major retailer of computer games. Its shares firmed 4 p to 46p.

One company that will be glad to see the back of 1997 is First Information, which dropped a further 4 p to 24 p after the directors admitted that the company's viability remained uncertain. They are now taking a long, hard look at its future.

ILP Group was 3p easier at 322 p after reporting that trading during 1997 was unlikely to live up to market expectations. The Irish-based company, which specialises in protective packaging, said it was continuing to review approaches that might lead to an offer.

Walker Greenbank firmed 212p to 45p as one director took advantage of the

recent weakness in the price to snap up more shares in the company. Andrew Connolly has bought 150,000 shares at 44p. Only last week he bought 400,000 shares at 42p. This takes his total holding

to 795,212, or 0.6 per cent.

News of a bid approach lifted Fairway 21p to 612p. The printer said it was in talks that may lead to a recommended offer being made. At this level the group

carries a price tag of £22.3 million.
Further reassurances that bid talks were continuing, combined with a doubling of pre-tax profits to £7.2 million,

lifted Faber Prest 20p to 3772 p.

News of stakebuilding boosted Innovative Technology 14p to 1082 p. Credit Suisse First Boston now holds 2.42 million shares, or 6.55 per cent.

for more

freedom

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY THE POST Office has stepped

up its calls for greater com-mercial freedom after making

pre-tax profits of £329 million.

its for the half-year to Septem-

ber 30 will largely go to meet

the Treasury's cash demand

and on corporation tax. A

spokesman said: "The driving

force behind these results is

the need to generate £313 million this financial year to

pay the Government's exter-

nal financing limit demand.

This cash demand, more than

£1 million every working day, has to be funded out of the

Post Office's post-tax profit."

The Department of Trade

and Industry is looking at giving more commercial free-

dom to the Post Office but no

date has been set for Ian

McCartney, the Industry Min-

ister, to report on the review.

The Post Office told the

Trade and Industry Select

Committee recently that it

needed more ways to operate as a business — such as

through joint ventures. The committee is expected to re-

The half-year pre-tax profit

is up by 43 per cent on the

driven by the increase in

postage rates in July 1996. Royal Mail delivered £303

million of the profits, while

Post Office Counters contrib-

uted £7 million. Losses at

ParcelForce Worldwide in-

creased from £14 million to £17

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revious year, with the rise

port early in the new year.

It complained that the prof-

☐ GILT-EDGED: Mounting hopes that Tuesday's trade figures provided further evidence that the economy has slowed sufficiently to deter the Bank of England from pushing rates higher. But dealers emphasised it may be too early to talk in terms of interest rate cuts.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt rose five ticks to £1221/16.
Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2021 closed E4 better at £1225, while at the shorter end Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was unchanged at £1023/32. □ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 31.64 points at 7,660.13 on Christmas Eve, amid concern about Asia's financial problems.

Tough come top in Fortune's best boss league

MICROSOFT and Goldman Sachs, regarded as two of the most demanding of American employers, have scored highly in Fortune magazine's list of the 100 best employers in the

Microsoft has attracted criticism for the devotion it demands from its software developers, who are allegedly expected to eat, breathe and sleep Bill Gates, the company's founder. Goldman Sachs is supposedly the apotheosis of the hard-driving American investment bank, routinely requiring long hours and the surrender of any personal life in the pursuit of profit.

Yet Microsoft makes it to eighth position in the Fortune

BANKS and trade unions

both claimed victory after a one-day strike on Christmas

Eve in a series of disputes

about pay and working

The Banking Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu).

which represents most bank

employees, said that thou-

sands of its members had

stopped work for the day.

causing widespread disrup-

tion at the branches of four

Staff at Midland and the

Royal Bank of Scotland

staged a walkout after the

two banks tried to force

them to work on the after-

high-street banks.

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list, while Goldman Sachs comes in at 12th. The top 100 is headed by Southwest Airlines, based in Dallas, whose chief executive, Herb Kelleher, is known for arm-wrestling, drinking large quantities of Wild Turkey whiskey and rapping in music videos.

Second came Kingston Technology, a manufacturer of computer memory devices that last year paid year-end bonuses averaging \$75,000 per employee. Third was SAS Institute, the world's largest privately-owned software company, which offers onsite child care and an awardwinning cafeteria complete

The North Carolina opera-

noon of Christmas Eve,

traditionally a holiday for

On the same day, staff at Clydesdale and Yorkshire

banks initiated industrial

action in a dispute over the introduction of perfor-mance-related pay, which they claim has led to lower-

than-inflation pay increases.

Ed Sweeney, director-gen-

eral of Bifu, said: "A mea-

sure of the success is that

many of those who did turn

up for work only did so after they had been promised extra time off locally. He

urged Midland Bank to

reach a national agreement

Midland said that the impact of the strike had

been minimal, with only one

branch closure at Runcorn

in Cheshire. Four other

branches were run on skele-

ton crews, but at the remain-

der of its 1.750 branches it

with the unions.

bank employees.

Banks and Bifu

proclaim victory

in day of strikes

By RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

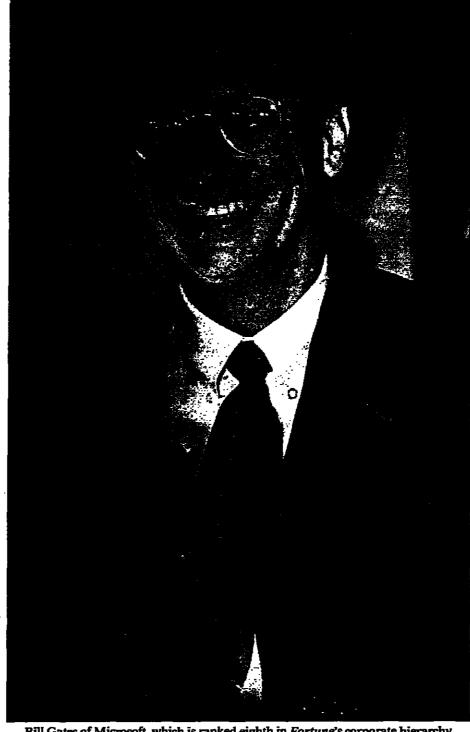
tion of Glaxo Wellcome was the only listed British-owned company, at 100. The drugs company's American benefits package includes two onsite childcare centres, seven fitness centres and six medical clinics.

Fortune suggests the best employers display three recurring traits: inspiring leadership, "knockout" facilities in the working environment, and a sense of purpose. Mr Gates's awesome reputation in the computer industry is widely recognised as important for his employees' commitment to their work.

With unemployment in the US at a 25-year low, com-panies go to great lengths to hang on to the best staff. Some employers offer masseurs, dry cleaning and a personal con-

According to Fortune, shares in the publicly traded companies in its list have substantially outstripped the stock market as a whole, with annual returns averaging 27.5 per cent over the past five years, against 17.3 per cent for the Russell 3000 index.

However, as the magazine recognises, it is not clear whether happy employees make companies successful, or if successful companies make employees happy. Many of the best-performing of the good employers including Microsoft, Intel, Compaq and Cisco Systems are information technology companies that have richly rewarded their employees with stock options.



Bill Gates of Microsoft, which is ranked eighth in Fortune's corporate hierarchy

LIMELIGHT, the troubled kitchens and bathrooms comparty, is in talks to sell its Portland Glass division, one of its main assets, in an attempt to stave off the threat of a cash

was business as usual. Clydesdale and Yorkshire banks, both subsidiaries of National Australia Bank, said that all their branches opened for business. Both banks emphasised that few staff had supported the ballot for strike action in the The Clydesdale added

that only 12 per cent of staff had actually gone on strike.

sell Portland Glass | takes £300,000 profit

ERIC HOOK, chief executive of Andrews Sykes, the Wolverhampton-based portable heating group, has awarded himself a £300,000 Christmas present by cashing in share options and selling them in the

The options over 50,000 shares - which were awarded to Mr Hook when he joined in May 1994 - were priced at just 112.20 each but he was able to sell them just before the stock market closed for the Christmas holiday at 710p each, pocketing a profit of £299,000. Mr Hook still holds options over another 270,000

shares. Andrews Sykes has been

Alan Shearer, left, Prince Alwaleed and David Clementi

19. Millwall

20. The £1.2 billion bid for Co-

operative Wholesale Society

by Andrew Regan's Galileo

21. Denis Cassidy, who is a

director of Newcastle United

and used to run Boddingtons.

22. Prince Alwaleed Bin Talai.

who was supposed to buy

13. The Financial Services 18. Sheffield Eagles

one of the great recovery stories of the building materials sector. The group was close to collapse when a management team led by Jacques Murray, the Anglo-French rescue specialist, took control in 1993. Mr Hook was recruited shortly after Mr Murray took control and, in spite of Andrews Sykes shares falling to an all-time low of 50p shortly after he joined, he powered the group's recovery. sidered to be one of the most

Andrews Sykes is now conbolster the group.

Do you qualify as a City quiz whiz? for £250 million. 23. (c) Lord Moyne - reflect-

> 24. (c) Marks & Spencer. Levitt worked here as a trainee before discovering pensions and life assurance. Now M&S sells pensions and life assurance.

25. (a) DTI Inspectors were appointed in November 1986 to investigate share dealings accompanying Guinness's £2.7 billion bid for Distillers. 26. (c) Abbas Gokal and Robert Feld were among defendants to help the Serious Fraud Office to an unbroken run (not counting the Elizabeth Forsyth acquittal, which

relates to 1996). 27. (a) Diageo, based (questionably) on the Greek for world and the Latin for day.

Post Office | Shire buys renews call world rights to drug for \$25m

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHIRE Pharmaceuticals is to pay \$25 million (£15 million) to acquire the worldwide rights to Carbatrol, the epilepsy drug that was about to go on sale through Elan Corporation of Ireland.

Carbatrol is a controlledrelease version of a Novartis anti-convulsant that was developed by Pharmavene, the US drug delivery specialist that Shire bought in a \$105 million deal last March. Athena Neurosciences, part of Elan, had licensed-in the marketing rights to Carbatrol only nine months earlier

in July 1996.
Athena has agreed to copromote the drug to US neurologists for two years. Carbatrol received its marketing go-ahead from the US Food and Drug Administra-

tion in early October. Rolf Stahel, Shire's chief executive, said: "Carbatrol will be the first example of a product conceived developed, registered and marketed by Shire."

Shire will fund its purchase with \$2 million of cash, \$9 million of new shares and \$14 million of zero coupon unsecured notes.

Unlike the biotechnology companies with which it is commonly grouped, Shire has had a good year on the stock market. Its two large acquisitions have helped to around 200p to 286p.

Limelight in talks to | Andrews Sykes chief

By Fraser Nelson

crisis.

The company, whose market value has crumbled from £200 million to £28 million in the 13 months since it floated. also said that its MKD fitted kitchen unit has seen a drop in like-for-like sales every month since June. The group was hit this year by a critical report about its sales practices on BBC TV's Watchdog programme. Stephen Boler, the compa-

ny's founder and non-execu-

tive director, has agreed to

City events in 1997? Now is the

moment of truth. Below are

the answers to the quiz that

appeared in Tuesday's Busi-

I. Martin Taylor, chief execu-

sidered a bid for WH Smith. 3. It was allegedly found am-

ong safety deposit boxes at Nat-

West's Princes Street branch. 4. Michael Grade, who be-

came chairman of First Lei-

tive of Barclays Bank. 2. Tim Waterstone, who con-

5. Marco Pierre White.

6. Howard Hodgson.

7. Brian Staples.

8. David Clementi.

9. Goldman Sachs.

Young.

10. Michael Bloomberg.

12. Price Waterhouse with

Coopers, KPMG with Ernst &

11. Michael Heseltine.

ness section.

sure in July.

underwrite an overdraft to the company supplied by the Royal Bank of Scotland to finance the internal shake-up planned for the windows business. Mr Boler, who now lives in

South Africa, has a 17 per cent

stake in the company, and has

watched his shareholding lose 83 per cent of its value. The company intends to focus on its kitchens division, which generates 60 per cent of group profits. MKD has been merged with Dolphin fitted bathrooms, with all operations now centred

The shares added one penny, to 34½p, on Christmas

Manchester.

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14. Alan Shearer at Newcastle

16. Frank Sytner of Sytner

17. Tony O'Reilly, who retired

as chief excecutive of HJ

15. Phillipe Edmonds.

By Jason Nissé

aggressive companies in its sector. It is sitting on a large cash nile and is said to be on the hunt for acquisitions to

ing on his business dealings with alleged Swedish con

Answers from page 28

Sweeney, plea to Midland

(c) An enclosure attached to a temple of Asclepios. The Greek neuter participle meaning "not to be trodden on". bainein to walk.
"Thereupon sleep fell upon him, and a serpent issuing from the abaton, healed his toe with his tongue, and when he had done this he slided beat and the first healer than the state of the series glided back again into the abaton

(b) Eternity, infinity. The German word. Specifically in the jocular phrase in(to) the ewigkeit "into thin air". "We leapt together paracinuoless into the Ewigkeit."

(b) The tree-kangaroo of North Queensland, Dendrolagus lumbolizii. The native name, bangaray in the Port Jackson dialect. "Upon the whole, the boongary is the most beautiful mammal! I have seen in Australia."

(b) The congenital absence of a limb or limbs. From the Greek, ektrosis misearriage + melos a limb. "Ectromelia. Kosmak reports, with an illustration, a case showing entire absence of the apper extremities. There is not a dimple indicating where the arms ought to

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appear on the shoulder-girdle."

Retailers could find magic of Christmas loses its lustre

t is not just children who believe in the magic of Christmas. For the country's retailers the last two months of the year can make or break their financial fortunes. Around 30 per cent of total annual sales are made in the last quarter of the year. Even more importantly. December accounts for nearly 13 per cent of all retail sales around 60 per cent more than in an average month.

This year the omens for a bumper Christmas looked good initially. Retail sales had soared since the beginning of the year, reaching a peak during the windfall-fuelled summer spending boom. Unemployment was still falling and in spite of the recent interest rate rises, consumer confidence and wealth remained at levels not seen for a decade. A clutch of retail surveys pointed to a seasonal shopping spree, with spending predicted to rise by a respectable 5 per cent to £24 billion equivalent to £535 per person.

However, the evidence of this Christmas season has been more ambiguous, leaving retailers facing up to the fact that consumers have been reluctant to part with their hard-earned cash. A raft of poor trading statements, weak November retail sales data and anecdotal evidence pointed to a slow start to the lestive season, leaving retail share prices under pressure as analysts rushed to downgrade their profit forecasts.

Michael Bennett, chairman of Oasis, the fashion retailer. described sales as "lacklustre", while Cornet, the electrical goods retailer owned by Kingfisher, reported a disappointing increase in like-for-like sales during November.

Even at the top end of the market, retailers are finding it hard. Harvey Nichols reported that sales are only 3 per cent ahead of last year, while Joseph Wan, the company's chief executive, openly admitted that the "Absolutely Fabulous" store will be putting on a bumper January sale because it has ordered too much stock.

Some retailers, including the troubled Laura Ashley. were already discounting stock before Christmas in a desperate effort to kick-start sales. The Centre for Economics and Business Research There are signs the seasonal spending splurge can no longer be taken as read, says Alasdair Murray







Joseph Wan, top, says Harvey Nichols will have a bumper January sale; Michael Bennett of Oasis, where Christmas has been "lacklustre"; and a sign of the times at Laura Ashley

estimates that retailers' overoptimism has resulted in a E3 billion mountain of unsold goods — around £1 billion more than usual.

Some analysts believe that signs of a weak Christmas in the strongest year for sales for a decade - reflect a shift in consumer spending habits, perhaps even the gradual demise of the Christmas shopper. Philip Booler. managing director of Camus, the cloth-

ing import company, says: The public have become accustomed to nearly permanent sales. People will be giving money as presents at Christmas and wait until the beginning of the sales to spend it."

Mr Booler believes that the impact will be devastating, especially in the clothing trade, and that if discounting persists "lots of companies will go bust this year". However, the evidence of a

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distinct shift away from seasonal shopping is not conclusive. Clive Vaughan, a retail analyst at Verdict, the research group, argues that the level of discounting has actually declined over the past year. "If you look back to three of four years ago, half the companies had sales on throughout the year," he says. "But now a company such as Burton is managing to keep full prices for almost the whole year."

An analysis by Mintel, the retail consultancy, of retail sales data from the last five years actually shows that Christmas has become more important to most retailers,

although there was a slight

shift away from last-quarter

buying in 1996. However, the Mintel survey provides anecdotal evidence from retailers that increased consumer affluence this year has perhaps slightly reduced the need for large-scale shopping at Christmas. Consumers have been better able to respond immediately to their needs, rather than hoarding for a Christmas splurge.

The windfall payouts from building society flotations could have exaggerated this emerging trend, with consumers bringing forward spend-ing previously tied to Christmas. Electrical retailers, which normally take more than one third of their armual sales in the last quarter, look especially vulnerable because they enjoyed bumper sales in

Vaughan also believes there are some specific problems in this market, which may be holding back sales. Television sales appear to have slumped because the imminent introduction of digital television has left consumers confused as to when to upgrade their existing sets. The computer market is also struggling because of a fierce price war, which is expected to intensify in the new year when Intel

cuts prices by up to 40 per cent. Clothing and footwear sales, which are also tied heavily to the end of the year, were weak. with the retailers blaming the erratic weather. In contrast, food and drink sales - which are less Christmas-driven enjoyed a strong seasonal run.

However, not all retailers are panicking. BhS said that its out-of-town stores have been busy. Marks & Spencer cautioned that early measures of Christmas sales are prope to give a misleading impression of business because consumers are leaving their shopping later and later.

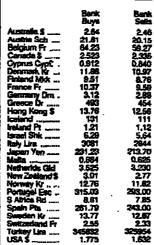
Mr Vaughan supports this view, pointing to the vast expansion of opening hours in the last few years. Longer hours, including 24-hour supermarket openings and Sunday trading, have added 12 days of shopping time. With much of this extra time concentrated in the final week before Christmas - when many consumers are on holiday — there were many expecting the Christmas rush to come right at the death.

Mr Vaughan says: "With the introduction of Sunday trading consumers have become more relaxed about leaving things to the last minute."

The Mintel analysis backs this theory, finding that about 40 per cent of consumers claim to start Christmas shopping only in December. Within these figures there is an inev itable bias towards a lastminute dash by male shoppers. About 50 per cent of men begin Christmas shopping only in December, while 20 per cent admit to starting in "late" December. Mr Vaughan maintained that this late rush will again have saved

the retailers' Christmas, although the evidence of companies enjoying strong sales so far has been patchy.

However, given that expectations of a bumper Christmas had soared on the back of the summer retail boom, even a strong Christmas would not have satisfied the City. The round of January trading statements is likely to lead to a spate of profit downgrades, while overstocking should ensure that consumers enjoy a wide choice in the January sales. The Christmas shopper may not be dead yet but retailers can no longer afford to take the seasonal splurge for



TELEVISION CHOICE

Strauss's sensual Salome

You can understand why Oscar Wilde's story, brought to sceringly sensual life in Richard Strauss's opera had the shocked audience roaring its disapproval when it was first seen in 1905. The story itself—of superbitch Salome, stepdaughter of king Hand toke faprice has degree tokyl—was of King Herod (who fancies her desperately) — was originally banned. The beautiful Salome agreed to perform The Dance of the Seven Veils for Herod perform The Dance of the Seven Veils for Herod only if he would grant her any wish. At first he refuses when she says that all she wants is the head of the man she lusts after and is rejected by — John the Baptist — on a silver platter. This Covent Garden production — all black and silver and doom-laden ("I can hear the wings of the Angel of Death in the palace," sings Herod) is a wrenching experience and the central performance of Catherine Malifitano will leave you drained . . .

The Canterville Ghost ITV, 4.10pm

Oscar Wilde again, with a story, adapted by Olivia Hetreed, and the cast to die for. Indeed the eponymous ghost, Sir Simon de Canterville, already has. But as played by Ian Richardson he's possibly the liveliest member of the cast — all husely enjoying themselves as they camn it un hugely enjoying themselves as they camp it up— with splendid special effects—at Knebworth House. Celia Imrie is the new mistress of Canterville Chase, Edna Dore, the formidable housekeeper, Donald Sinden an over-the-top (naturally) dinner guest, Pauline Quirke a fraudulent medium and Rik Mayall superb as an hysterical exorcist is the Very Reverend Angustus Dampier. But this is really a children's story so it falls to the young beroine (Sarab-Jane Potts) to falls to the young heroine (Sarah-Jane Potts) to bring peace at last to the restless spirit.

The Vicar of Dibley

BBC1, 9.00pm A seasonal kick-off for the latest four-part series and, as played so winningly by Dawn French, a very welcome vicar this is. If the Rev Geraldine could get together with that anxious, dishy vicar from EastEnders their church would overflow! But I digress... Geraldine is getting seriously worried about the non-start love affair between her two



Rik Mayall as Dampier (ITV, 4.10pm)

shyest parishioners — Alice (Emma Chambers) and Hugo (James Fleet). They seem to have been stuck in the "gazing soppily at each other" phase of their relationship for nearly a decade now, but as Geraldine manoeuvres them towards the mistletoe and their first kiss she herself gets a marriage proposal she would rather be without. Watch, too, for news of "Radio Dibley" — and a revue by the parishioners at the village hall over which the curtain should perhaps be drawn. curtain should perhaps be drawn.

BBC2, 9.00pm

The Empire, the Church and the Countryside—these are what I hold most dear intones the fresh faced new Master of the Ludlow Hunt, Rupert faced new Master of the Ludlow Hunt, Rupert Inglesant. And he has given unprecedented fitea on-a-hound access to director Niek Coppen's cameras for this compelling, even beautiful, study of the hunting life in rural England. Farmers, huntsmen and women and local politicians get generous time to extol the glories of hunting in the face of the current opposition: pursuing and killing foxes ("notorious pests") with horse and hound is a time honoured suort which helps keeps what time honoured sport which helps keeps what Rupert calls Mother Nature in control of the countryside. Fortunately we do not see a fox actually being torn apart — rather the majority go to earth where they are trapped by terriers specially trained to keep them at bay until they can be shot. So that's all right Elizabeth Cowley

Bon Appétit

Radio 4, 9.45am The start of a four-part series by Kevin Connolly which aims to answer the question: how come the French are so much better at food than we are? Boxing Day is as good a time as any to start, given that many of us will be asking why we put up with the same fare every year. Connolly starts with an examination of the more exotic French tastes, although the word "exotic" is used advisedly: what it means is why do the French eat horses, amphibiant less smalls pipe ears and or cheeks? amphibians' legs, snalls, pigs' ears and ox cheeks? But the real oddity is not so much what the French ear but the fact that they are only 20-odd miles away from us and yet their culinary tastes might as well be Martian. History, as Connolly shows us, has the answer, of course.

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RADIO 2

12.00 Alan Freeman 2.00pm Christmas Lifestyles 3.00 Ring Bruce Goon Show (r) 3.30 Richard Allinson 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.15 Dracula 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 And is it True?11.00 Bob Hams 1.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

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Radio 4, 8.50pm

Second to None: The Proxy Parent

Another series of the programme that delves into the lives of people who have chosen to be substitutes, though happily there are no footballers present. Tonight the programme follows Vicky, whose job it is to take charge of other people's Value for a few days or a few weeks at a trae. While the programme was being made Vicky was looking after three children, a dog and two cage birds and this included some fairly awesome responsibilities, such as taking Nick, the sevenyear-old, to his first Holy Communion and Phillip, the five-year-old, to his first school sports day. There are moments when this kind of job can be quite draining on the emotions, for Vicky and indeed for the listener.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hooder, Schubert (Klawferstuck in E flat); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Geraint Lawis. Warlock (Benedicamus Domino); Burk (Phantasy in D minor); Gurney (Down by the Safey Gardens); Protofice (Florneo and Juliet Suite No 3);

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Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A); John Peterson (Rituals in Transfigured Time); Tippett (Suite for the Birthday of Pince Charles)

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5.00 In Repertory. The Times opera critic Rodney
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in Massenet's Werther (r)
6.00 Schubert Songbook, with Gordon Stewart(r)
6.15 In Country Churches, Adrian Jack visits St
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7.00 Performance on 3. A concert given on Sunday
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concert tribute to Alexander Goeth, Peter Serkin,
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Orchestra, 1910); Goeth' (Idees Stres, premiere);
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10.00 The World Tonight Special Debate: Family 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Playback, by Raymond Chandler, abridged by Robert Dodds (5/10) (f)
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A HOLD FOR

Round my house the day started — or rather paused for recharging — with Teletubbies (BBCI). Not sure why—the baby is indifferent to it, calls it adultile. But we like it and it gets us out of her way for 25 minutes, so off to Teletubby land it was. It didn't take long to realise that the baby had a point. I mean, how

many under-twos would have appreciated Dipsy's fine impersonation of Michael Jackson breakdancing? Or the full symbolism of Tinky Winky opening his present (and after the controversial recasting there can be no doubt that Tinky Winky is a he) to find he'd been given a floating, shiny star? Whassar? he gurgled, with frightening authenticity.

Anyway, once he had worked it out and Noo-Noo, the voracious vacurum cleaner, had realised you could not eat it, they were off. "Follow star," commanded Tinky Winky, which is how this particular

three wise men but four slightly dim and overweight Teletubbies. It eventually finished on top of the Christmas tree that has suddenly sprung up in the surreal pastures. Two to one those giant rabbits will have eaten it by new year.

"Time for Tubby-coffee or Tubby Champers? I inquired, after we'd said our goodbyes. It was an important decision. Go one way and there might still be time for the prune and pate stuffing that Jennifer Paterson had prepared on Two Fat Ladies (BBC2, Christmas Eve). Then I remembered the preparation the prunes needed soaked in Earl Grey tea, simmered in goose giblet stock then rinsed in vermouth. I don't know about life being too short but Christmas certainly was. We settled for Clarissa Dickson Wright's Swedish red cabbage which we prepared... in an English red cabbage sort of way.

gastronomic flexibility in Men Bekaving Badly (BBC1) when he discovered that he had neither the prunes nor the Armagnae that Delia Smith specified, so he went for sun-dried tomatoes and tequila. Good choice, mate . . . until he hit the Bailey's. For that way lies ruin, as Aunt Sal had already discovered in EastEnders (BBC1). She started with sherry, then switched to gin and tonic, then moved on to red wine. Bacardi, pina colada ... She was last seen

not to have a drink at Christmas." fter the ups (best moment. Paris) and downs (Ireland) And the year, the soap is finishing the year in cracking form. Roy at death's door. Frank back on the Pat prowl and best of

staggering towards the bar of the

Queen Vic in search of a Malibu

and pineapple. As she said, oh so

tactfully, to Phil: "Must be terrible

REVIEW

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Follow star' was the call, but nothing shone



all Terry and Irene's inevitable but still scary Yuletide coupling. For a while yesterday it looked as though Peggy might even get away with her rash Christmas Eve promise that "nothing was going to spoil our Christmas". But then Phil cut up rough about babysitting, Grant and the newly empowered Tiffany were at each other's throats and Kath and the vicar were at each other's lins.

having a distinctly secular snog. Will Peggy catch them at it? Well, I'm not missing it tonight. Would that such compelling fare

had been more evenly spread, but alas it was not. There was some-thing particularly depressing about BBC! scheduling Men Behaving Badly and They Think It's All Over one after the other. Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. you wouldn't have blinked twice but Christmas night? Men Behaving Badly, by itself, they'd have got away with because, despite an opening flurry of bleeped four-words, it managed to hit all sorts of raw nerves on the difference between Christmas fantasy and Christmas reality. The fact that Debs (Leslie Ash, sporting a new and seriously grown-up haircut) briefly chucked Tony (Neil Morrissey) meant that there was even a bit of running storvline to keep up with. And when did that last happen in a Christmas special?

It's All Over, especially a Christmas special recorded so long ago that Lee Hurst was still in David Gower's team, that was depressing. The programme's lack of charm has been an integral part of its laddish appeal, but the sniping is now so vicious and the humour so puerile that it is difficult to disagree with those who think it is high time it was knocked on the

t used to be funny, it isn't any more. They think it's all over. It should be - allowing Gower and Gary Lineker to recover a bit of dignity and enabling the talent-ed Nick Hancock to move on to something new. Conspicuous by its absence from

all channels and much missed was the big chunk of television drama that Christmas night is made for a Morse would have done, an Agatha Christie even better. Curi-

But following it with They Think ously. ITV rather frittered its chance away on Tuesday night with The Pale Horse. It may have been a star or two short of automatic top billing and it didn't have a Christmas theme, but it thriller with the occult in a sashionable, watchable, even halfway plausible style.

Purists may have balked at the updating of Christie's novel, but given the astonishing popularity of Heartbeat, it's a miracle that all ITV drama is not set in the early 1960s. This one was - allowing Colin Buchanan and Jayne Ashbourne to rush around the Cotswolds in a convertible Triumph Vitesse (think Agatha Christie meets Blow Up - only without the sex), while some rather over-confident witches slipped into something black and shiny and prepared as only Christie witches can. "Are you comfy, Sybil?" "Yes thank you dear." Lovely.

BBC1

6.30 am The Greedysaurus Gang (8564607) 6.35 William's Wish Wellington (8563978) 6.40 Bump's Christmas Story (2749201) 6.50 Spot's Magical Christmas (6021065) 7.20 Poddington Pess (2900171) 7.25 Toy Symphony (2966152) 7.50 White Christmas (6745317) 8.15 Esk the Cat (9626539) 8:40 Sweet Valley High (8906607) 9.00 North and South: On Tour (1769626) 9.25 Casper Classics (6580220) 9.40 Teletubbies (9833591)

10.10 Superman III (1983) Christopher Ressu reprises the role of the Man of Steel.

Directed by Richard Lester (T) (70602607)

12.10 pm Paul McCartney's Standing Stone: the Docume ntary How he created his first symptonic work, with help from fellow composers including John Harle and Richard Rodney Bennett (7398571)

1.00 News (T) regional news and weather

1.10 Neighbours (T) (73112775)

1.30 Disneytime (T) (4912355) 2.10 Hook (1991) Robin Williams and Dustin Hoffman star as swom enemies in Steven Splefberg's update of the classic

children's story (1) (47978572) 4.25 The Pink Panther (r) (3815881) 4.50 Final Score (1) (6346317)

5.10 News (T) (5733715) 525 Neighbours (r) (1) (6822442) 5.50 Big Break (T) (544404) 6.20 Beethoven's 2nd (1993) Cornedy with

Charles Grodin and Bonnie Hunt, about a loveable St Bernard dog. Directed by 7.40 EastEnders Tiffany pushes Grant over

the edge and Frank unwittingly becomes Pat's knight in shining armour (1) 8.10 Blankety Blank Lily Savage kicks off a

new series (f) (516862) 8.40 News (1) and weather (780510) 8.58 Perfect Day for Christmas The chart-

topping video (1) (419046) The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine takes it upon herself to push Alice and Hugo's relationship torward (1) (933133)

9.40 Before They Were Famous II Angus Desyton with television and film stars' early screen appearances (T) (203930) 10.15 True Lies (1994) Amold Schwarzenegger stars as a computer salesman who leads a double life as a

superspy embroiled in international terrorism. Also with Jamie Lee Curtis. Directed by James Cameron (T)

12.35 am Unplugged: Oasis An acoustic set recorded last year at London's Festival Hall (r) (1) (4989878)

1.20 Carry On Girls (1973) Skid James persuades his local council to hold a beauty contest, unaware that a women's action group is plotting to sabotage the event. Directed by Gerald Thomas

2.40 Westher (3046824) 2.45 BBC News 24

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BBC2 7.15 am The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r)

7.40 Gold Diggers of 1933 (1933, b/w) Joan Blondell, Ruby Keeler and Afine MacMahon star as Broadway chorus girls. Directed by Menvyn LeRoy (18214688)

9.15 Oliver Twist (1948, b/w) See Film Choice. David Lean directs Alec Guinness as Fagin in this adaptation of the classic Charles Dickens novel. Also starring Robert Newton, John Howard Davies, Kay Walsh and Anthony Newley (76554065)

11.05 FILM: Thoroughly Modern Mille
(1967) Musical farce, with Jufie Andrews,
as a Kansas girl who leaves her country
roots behind for the bright lights of New York where she hopes to find success, sophistication, and a wealthy husband. Also starring Mary Tyler Moore and Carol Channing. Directed by George Roy Hill (T) (47151030)

1.20 pm Christmas In Vienna Placido Domingo and Sarah Brightman, Riccardo Cocciante and Helmut Lotti perform Christmas music (2936775)



Salome Luc Bondy's Royal Opera production of Richard Strauss's opera, with Catherina and Bryn Terfel (97531152)

4.45 Far Country (1965) James Stewart sets out to strike it rich in the Alaskan goldfields with an old pal - but finds his best efforts scuppered by swindler rogues and romantic problems. Directed by Anthony Mann (T) (14058249)

6.20 Land of the Tiger The monsoon rainforests of Assam, Southern India's Western Ghats and Sri Lanka. Last in series (T) (304510)

7.10 A Christmas Dickens: Mrs Limiper's Lodgings Last in series (T) (939775) 7.45 The Royal Ballet George Balanchine's Symphony in C and William Forsythe's Stepled (725065)

9.00 Under the Sum: The Hunt Documentary promising a balanced view of fox hunting (7929404) 10.10 Steptoe and Son Christmas Special

Harold plans to take a Christmas holiday abroad (r) (1) (838775) 10.55 Stella Street with John Sessions and Phil Cornwell (T) (338133)

11.05 The Browning Version (1994) with Albert Finney, Metthew Modine, Ben Silverstone and Greta Scacchi. A lonely school master realises that both his school master reasses that both his manage and his career have been feitures. Directed by Mike Figgis (611423)

12.35 am The Amazing Colossal Mari (1957, b/w) Sci-fi adventure, with Glenn Langan and Cathy Downs, directed by Bert 6.00am GMTV (2254084)

9.25 Treasure Seekers (4/4) (r) (T) (1757881) 9.55 Timy Toon Adventures (1248591) 10,20 Percy the Park Keeper (7598688)

10.50 Freeky Friday (1995) Shelley Long and Gaby Hoffman star in this comedy about a mother and deughter who magically change places for a day. Directed by Melanie Mayron (T) (56604341)

12.30pm Countdown to Tomorrow The making of the 18th James Bond film, Tomorrow Never Dies (4305997) 1.20 News (T) and weather (33435930)

1.20 Batman: Mask of the Phantasm (1993) Animated adventure with the caped crusader (7) (9951268) 2.40 The Sword in the Stone (1963) Disney

animated feature-length film of the legend of King Arthur (1187249) 4.10 The Canterville Ghost (an Richardson stars in this adaptation of Oscar Wilde's comic tale about an American family who move into an historic house, where they encounter the resident ghost, (1) (9741602)

5.40 News (T) and weather (194648) 5.50 Emmerdale (T) (539572)



Test pilot Mel Gibson (6.20pm)

6.20 Forever Young (1992) Romantic fantasy with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. In to be dead, agrees to be cryogenically trozen for one year. However, something goes wrong and he is left undiscovered, until he is accidentally thawed by a couple of boys 50 years later. Directed by

Steve Miner (T) (70108688) 8.20 Coronation Street Kevin has some bad news for Natalie (T) (531171) 8,50 News (T) and weather (221442) 9.00 Edna Kisses it Retter Megastar Dama

Edna Everage tends the ills of th famous. Her celebrity patients include Elle MacPherson, Melinda Messenger, Cliff Richard, Rolf Harris, Lord Archer and David Seaman (T) (1317)

10,00 Dances with Wolves (1990) Kevin Costner's Oscar-winning epic western.
After becoming a Civil War hero, a Union officer is posted to an abandoned South Dakotan fort. As time goes by, a tribe of Sioux indians assimilate the white soldie into their lives. Starring and directed by Kevin Costner (I) (3590881)

1.20am 10 (1979) Dudley Moore stars as a middle-aged Hollywood songwriter who becomes obsessed with the woman of ms. Directed by Blake Edwards (52050379)

3.30 Collins and Maconle's Movie Club (1) (57465669)

3.55 Sound Bites (90176089) 4.05 Comedy Central (2016404)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (78089) 5.30 Talespin (6083553) 5.55 ITN News (6086640)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 1.20am Box Office America (4113263)

1.50 Baywatch Late (408911) 3.35 Film: Please Turn Over (8700553) 5.05 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (3455027)

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5.00am Look and Cook (78089) ANGLIA

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8.00 The Big Breakfast (17688) 10.00 Zig and Zag's Big Morning (8733423) 10.01 Happy Days (10775) 10.30 The Morning Line (9689572)

11.15 Ant and Dec's Geordie Christmas (1658355) 12.00 Smudge (83323) 12.30pm Slot Melthrin (46611220) 12.45 Pingu (46616775)

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12.30am Film: Safe (56477737) 2.40 Film: Love at First Bite (714486)

RIE Starts: 8.00 Film: A Woman of Paris (48173404)

9.20 Film; Tarzan and His Mate (46997404) 10.55 Musicals, Great Musicals (12359442) 12.05pm The Golden Girls (31392648) 12.30 Coronation Street (1252220) 1.05 Home and Away Special (13803423)

1.40 Film: Oliver! (47860084) 4.20 Film: One Christmas (46066572) 6.01 Stx-One (6907125) 6.15-6.30 Cartoon Time (5452030)

6.30 Coronation Street (7357978) 6.55 Film: Jurassic Park (20301442) 9.15 News and Weather (2517978) 9.35 Upwardty Mobile (3881305)

10.05 Film: Four Weddings and a Funeral 12.20am Film: Trading Places (28537535) 2.25 Film: Coma (2775176)

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1.00pm Racing from Kempton Park and Leopardistown Brough Scott introduces the 1.10; 1.45; 2.20 (King George VI Chase) and 2.55 races (45728152) 3.10 The Land That Time Forgot (1975) with

Doug McClure, John McEnery and Susan Penhaligon Sci-fi adventure about survivors from a First World War ship who discover a lecendary land. Directed by Kevin Connor (95061249) 5.00 Bewitched It is Christmas and as usual

Samantha's nose gets her into trouble (T)

5.30 The Light Lunch Cardigan Christma: Special Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins are joined by Vic Reeves. Bob Mortimer and Ulrika Jonsson from Shooting Stars. Vic and Bob attempt to make chocolate logs white Utrika prepares traditional



6.30 A Midsummer Night's Dream (1995) Adapted from the Royal Shakespeare stage production of the romantic comedy, starring Alex Jennings and Lindsay Duncan. Directed by Adnan Noble (T) (25862)

8.30 Brookside A feature-length episode of the Merseyside soap. Jimmy begins to accept that he can't prevent Lindsey from seeing Barry. Jacqui womes that Ron will find out about her surrogacy deal. Max gives Julia a driving lesson. But will he live to tell the tale? (1) (48626)

10.00 Neil (1994) with Liam Neeson, Jodie Foster and Natasha Richardson. A doctor discovers a fully-grown wild child who has had no human contact except her mother. Directed by Michael Apted

12.05am Le Confessional (1994) with Lothaire Bluteau and Kristin Scott Thomas, A man returns home to Quebec from China on the death of his father and learns hidden truths about his family's past. Directed by Robert Lepage In French with English subtitles (600263)

2.00 I Confess (1953, b/w) with Montgomery
Cliff and Anne Baxter. A priest cannot
break the sanctity of the confessional
after hearing a murderer confess.
Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (T) (171718) 3.45 Strange Cargo (1940, b/w) with Clark escape from Devil's Island. Directed by Frank Borzage (T) (705640)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am Deppledown Farm (r) (7787775) 6.30 The Wind in the Willows (63307620) 6.50 Mr Men and Lttle Miss (30278713) 7.00 Wimzie's House (4859733) 7.30 Aivin and the Chipmunks (9609030) 8.00 Havakezoo (8453797) 8,30 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (9803238)

9.00 The Princess and the Gobiin Animation featuring the voices of Peggy Mount, Victor Spinetti, Claire Bloom, Joss Ackland, Sally Ann Marsh, Mollie Sugden, Roy Kinnear, Rik Mayall and Peter Murray

10.30 Stickin' Around (9908882) 11.00 Eco Warriors Special (4299862) 11.30 Wishbone (4290591) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (5203274) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (1252220) 1.00 5 News Update (88594510)

1.05 Football Special Highlights from some of the year's top European and international action, Featuring World Cup qualifers between England v Poland: cotland v Latvia and Ireland v Belgium. Uefa cup: Arsenal and Aston Villa. Cup Winners' cup: Chelsea v Slovan

Bratislava. Champions' League Newcastie United v Croatia Zacreb and ison tournament — the Umbro Cup (63709152) 6.00 100 Per Cent (4415997)

6.30 Family Affairs Annie and Elsa face up to

the truth concerning Jack and Maria's affair; Tim and Holly share a pessionate kiss (T) (6830539)

Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh (7.10pm) 7.10 Gone with the Wind (1939) Epic drama set during the American Civil War starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable (T)

(65028201) 11.10 Lexx: The Dark Zone Stories Zev must find a supply of proto-blood to prevent Zev from dying. Last in series (2603607) 1.00am The Happy Hooker (1975) Offbeat comedy with Lynn Redgrave as a New York madam (5785992)

2.50 Smoke Signal (1955) with Dana Andrews, Piper Laurie and Rex Reason. The cavalry arrives at its new fort to find it .Hopper (62737599) 4.20 The Plough and the Stars (1936, b/w)

with Barbara Stanwyck and Preston Foster Charting the Irish Rising through the eyes of a man selected by the rebels to fight in Dublin. Directed by John Ford

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7744060)

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6.00em Moming Story (831171) 9.00 Hotel (10048) 10.08 Another Vicint (93794) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (79830) 12.00 Oprail Winfary (72826) 1.00pan Geraldo (58046) 2.00 Saby Jessy Repthael (77044) 3.00 Jenry Jones (58572) 4.00 Oprail Winfary (7707) \$.80 Stor Tirel: Voyager (2355) 6.00 Manied with Children (2317) 7.00 The Simpsons (3069) 7.30 Rept TV (2201) 3.00 Highlander The Series (97959) 9.00 Walder, Texes Ranger (50743) 10.00 Walder Texes Ranger (51210) 11.00 Star Tirel: Voyager (30425) 12.00 Lets Show with Oewid Letterman (25011) 1.00ems in the Heat of the Night (26621).200 Long Play (3379645) SKY BOX OFFICE SKY BOX OFFICE

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6.10am Decert Bloom (1988) (73588133) 8.00 Acris, a Royal Adventurel (1995) (55501249) 8.40 Cel Throat Island (1996) (56607628) 11.40 While You Were Sleep-(5507249) 9.48 Cet Throst lelinol (1995) (5697229) 11.40 White Yes Were Sleeping (1965) (17892442) 1.25pm Annile, 9 Royal Advantural (1995) (2667510) 2.55 Apolic 13 (1995) (2659626) 5.15 White You Were Sleeping (1995) (14107713) 7.00 Cet Throst Inland (1995) (96007) 2.00 Same and Senabliny (1995) (34314501) 11.50 Eliza (1995) (979007) 1.35am Forgottes One (1990) (9730375) 2.15 Castle Freek (1994) (9732517)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2 8.00mm The torisible Men Returns (1940) (4019881) 7.28 An American Tall (1986) (798923) 8.50 A Troll in Central [1965] (1989-23) 2.50 A From in Castrain Park (1989, (8705557) 10.10 Battonin Foruver (1989) (6765210) 12.10pm The Wor (1986) (77982) 2.10 From Willy 2 (1995) (670754) 2.50 Fluine (1995) (68606) 8.30 Battones Foruver (1995)

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(47423) 8.00 Crimeon Tide (1995) (17713) 10.00 Sudden Death (1995) (874268) 11.50 Darkman III: Die, Derkman, Die (1995) (507323) 1.20mm Stassack Asser-stos (1995) (571263) 2.55 Cold Dog Soup (1990) (1615539) 4.25 The Old Curiosity Shop (1994) (246602) SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1962) (9454539) 6.00 Bigfoot and the Hendersons (1987) (4895046) 8.00 Uncle Beck (1989) (4891591) 10.00 The Pope of Americal Village (1984) (8500852) 12.00 The Principal (1987) (8739455) 1.50mm Thank God It's Friday (1978) (24057503 320 Bische Buck (1989)

1_55 Weather (7880447)

(24965196) 3:20 Up (5576824) 4.55 Close 8.00pm WCW (56385978) 9.00 Kelly's Herose (1970) (54276336) 11.30 Never So Few (1969) (81220317) 1.45am Kel-ly's Herose (1970) (14185244) 5.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00ess Fusbol Mundial (49713) 7.30 Wrestling (69686) 8.30 Knock-Outs of '97 (49249) 9.00 Recing News (23201) 9.30 Aerobics (67133) 10.00 How the Ryder Cup Was Won (97250) 1.50 pet Knock-Outs of 97 (48084) 1.30 Whate Water World Championships (54572) 2.30 MHL: Rowerweek (80152) 3.30 Knock-Outs of '97 (4807) 4.89 Aeros Willia v Trattechom (4607) 4.00 Aston Villa v Tottenham Hospur – Liva (3497423) 7.30 Sporta Carter (3355) 8.00 NBA: Boston Cette v Charlotte Homets (38859) 10.00 Football (29107) 12.00 Sports Centre (89468) 12.30am Wresting (55756) 2.30 Football (85379) 4.30 Rebel Sports (42076) 6.30

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GRANADA PLUS 6.00am The Box (8739862) 7.00 Haves



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FOX KIDS NETWORK

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6.00mm Happily Ever After 6.30 Bobby's World 7.00 Spirou 7.30 Dermis the Menace 8.00 Beamen 8.30 Batman 9.00 Earthworm

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TROUBLE 12.00pm Swan's Classing 12.30 Ready or Nor 1.00 Madison 1.30 Ceitomia Dreams 2.00 Seved by the Bell 2.30 Swan's Classing 3.00 No Noised Flames 3.30 Ready or Not 4.00 Saved by the Bell 4.30 USA High 5.00 Hangurie 5.30 Cai

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PARAMOUNT COMEDY

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL 8.00pm Fil.M: Flash Gordon (1980) (52795930) 10.15 Fil.M: Night of the Creaps (1985) (1338442) 11.45 The Melding of Starship Troopers (531268) 12.00 Fil.M: Night of the Living Deed (1988) (2081995) 2.00am Dark Stradows: (7124466) 2.20 New Alfred Histocock (7103973) 3.00 Friday the 13th (9902905) 4.00 Chem.

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Hamanaka offers **Sumitomo** \$800,000 redress

By JASON NISSE

YASUO HAMANAKA, the rogue trader whose dealings cost Sumitomo Corporation \$2.6 billion (£1.55 billion). has offered to pay his former employer \$800,000 that he had kept in a Swiss bank account.

The offer came in a Toyko court yesterday. as Mr Hamanaka was questioned by prosecutors before being sentenced in the new year. Mr named "Mr Five Per Cent" because he once controlled that proportion of the world's coppers market, has pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and forgery in connection with the losses incurred by Sumitomo.

Mr Hamanaka had earlier admitted that Saburo Shimizu, his former boss and business partner, had given him over \$1.5 million which he had deposited in an account at Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich in the early 1990s.

In October the Swiss authorites told Sumitomo, which has been suing Mr Hamanaka. that it could confiscate anything in that account, but the group has yet to take any action. The existence of this secret account emerged only last June, a year after the Sumitomo scandal came to a head.

In court, Mr Hamanaka said only \$800,000 was left in the account. Asked by prose-cutors if he intended to pay any compensation to Sumito mo, he said: "Yes. The amount that I can compensate is limited to the outstanding balance of my account at UBS in Switzerland."

Mr Hamanaka also detailed how he managed to get into the situation where he hid billions of dollars of unauthorised trading on the copper markets using forged documentation. He said that after racking up dealing losses he increased the level of unauthorised trading during 1994 and 1995 in the hope of recovering the deficit. The full extent of losses emerged only in June 1996.

Mr Hamanaka is due in court again on February 2.

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Yasuo Hamanaka, accompanied by prosecutors, shortly after his arrest in October 1996. He is due to appear in court again on February 2

Eurotunnel adds to run of failures over targets

By Fraser Nelson

EUROTUNNEL has failed to meet its traffic targets for the third year running, falling at least 10 per cent short of the goals it set for 1997 only seven months ago.

The company, which oper ates the Channel Tunnel and Le Shuttle service, will confirm next month that a hectic Christmas rush has failed to compensate for a lacklustre performance through the

The disappointing figures will intensify fears that the company is ill-placed to meet its plan to break into profit

and to start rewarding its

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shareholders with dividend payments by 2006. London & Continental Rail-

ways (LCR), which runs the Eurostar service from London Waterloo, has also missed the 1997 target for passenger numbers. It is set to finish the year some 700,000 short of the 6.7 million journeys that Euro-

By the end of November, Eurostar's running 1997 total was 5.51 million passengers. against its target of 6.6 mil-lion. After last week's fracas, where hundreds of travellers were told to cancel trips to make way for 3,000 servicemen and women returning from Germany, its December total is unlikely to exceed

As part of Eurotunnel's plans to mount a £4.4 billion dicted that it would take 2.51 million cars through the tunnel in 1997. In the year to November, the running total was 2.04 million. Even if Le Shuttle was fully booked in December, the total would fall

case" in its prospectus. The tourist coach service is set to prove the most embarrassing failure. Eurotunnel predicted that it would carry 80,000 coaches this year but by the end of November had

far short of the "downside

only managed 56,500. The 1997 figures, to be announced in the second week of January, will undermine confidence in Eurotunnel's 1998 projections, which promise a 30 per cent jump in cars

using Le Shuttle. The City has been sceptical of Eurotunnel's forecasts. One

leaves you with very little faith in the company's ability to forecast. Whoever compiled these forecasts would never get a job in the City."

Although Eurotunnel has failed to live up to its traffic forecasts for the past three years, its followers had expected the company to have improved. As The Times reported on Christmas Eve. London & Continental has already fallen behind its construction timetable for the proposed high-speed link between the tunnel

and London. It had promised to find contractors for £500 million of work as part of the £1.4 billion of public money it has been given to mastermind the link. Coupled with the poor traffic figures, the delay will undermine its chances of raising

mum payment scheme agreed by the rail users. This will protect the company's top line until 2006, delivering a minimum £560 million of sales this year and £636 million next year. But this will be absorbed by interest payments on its £8.6 billion of debt, which is expected to lead to a £316 million pre-tax loss this year. Christian Cambier, the dissident French investment

through a flotation next year.

However dismal the traffic

igures, Eurotunnel's revenue

will be protected by a mini-

manager who criticised Eurotunnel's restructuring plan, has been recruited to the board after he agreed to the debt-for-equity swap. Eurotunnel's shares closed

at 60p before Christmas, near their low of 57p and a fraction of their 580p high.

IMF agrees emergency \$10bn deal with Korea

By JASON NISSE

THE International Monetary Fund rode to the rescue of South Korea over Christmas by agreeing to an emergency \$10 billion (£6 billion) package to stabilise the economy.

The payment - an advance on the \$60 billion bail out of the South Korean economy agreed earlier this month with the IMF — will come in two stages, with \$2 billion being paid almost immediately and another \$8 billion in the new year. This latest package comes on top of a \$3 billion stabilisation loan, agreed by the World Bank on Tuesday.

Thirteen leading nations are putting up money, with the UK contributing \$400 million and the US \$1.7 billion. Robert Rubin, the US Treasury Secre-tary, said it was "very highly likely" the money would be repaid by South Korea in the not too distant future.

The IMF deal came in exchange for a wide-ranging reform package agreed by Kim Dae Jung, the President-elect, which included the opening up of the country's financial markets to foreign banks, a bail out for leading domestic banks, as well as labour market reforms. The package was greeted with relief in Seoul as Mr Kim had expressed worries about commercial banks refusing to roll over debt repayments coming due from South Korea.

The financial crisis in South Korea has seen the won collapse to nearly half its value against the US dollar during December. However, it strengthened on Christmas Eve and dealers are hoping for further stability.

There was also optimism in Tokyo, where reforms an-nounced by the Ministry of Finance covering the way commercial banks account for their investments in Japanese stocks brought a surge in the Nikkei index yesterday.

The ministry's proposals allow banks and insurance companies to revalue their holdings of securities without having to adjust their earnings to reflect the changes. Previously any fall in the prices below the book values recorded by the banks would bring a loss, and this prompted banks to support share

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prices artificially. The Nikkei rose 2.51 per cent, to 15,300.1, with the banking sectors strong in spite of downgradings of two leading Japanese banks by Standard & Poors, the credit agency, and the placing of four more

on credit watch. However, brokers were still saying that the market could fall as banks start to implement the changes.

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Harrods and Boots to be sued

By JASON NISSE

HARRODS and Boots are both to be sued for allegedly copying designs from small firms to make Christmas noveities. The two cases, which are unrelated are part of a campaign to try to stop infringement of copyright. Saint Nicolas, a small

group based in Fulham, southwest London, is to take action against Harrods, the Knightsbridge store owned by Mohamed Al Fayed, over Christmas decorations featuring Lifeguards, Scots Guards and red telephone boxes. It has been selling these to Harrods since 1989 but received no orders this

Then Nicola Barry. Saint Nicolas's founder. discovered similar items for sale in Harrods. The store says these are similar to those on sale around the UK and there has been no copyright infringement

Boots is to be sued by Bliss over gift items which Bliss says are strikingly similar to those it supplied for many years - largely recipe books and utensil holders. This contract was terminated.

Boots says that the articles are completely different.

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transport analyst said: "This debt-for-equity swap, it pre-ES.4 billion in debt and equity Granada attacked over payoff for contract cuts By RAYMOND SNODDY corporate costs," Pire said. Mr Robinson will receive GRANADA, the media, hotel

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and restaurant group, has been criticised by Pirc. the corporate governance consultancy, for paying its directors compensation for reducing their notice period from three years to two. The payments take the total remuneration package for Gerry Robinson, Granada's Labour-supporting chairman, to

changes to their service contracts. The fact that five direc-tors will get a total of £370,000 is revealed in Granada's 1997

annual report. Pire said the "unusual" payments went against the spirit of the Greenbury committee report on executive pay, which called for a reduction in notice period to avoid the large payoffs

nearly £1 million. The directors

have been given the equivalent of two months salary for the



Robinson: nearing Elm

some executives have received. "Greenbury did not say that there needed to be compensation for reductions in contract periods. If every company gave compensation for curting notice periods then it would defeat the object of doing so in the first place, which is to cut

£138,334 on top of a total remuneration package of E857,000. Last year he was paid £728,000. Charles Allen, group chief executive, received a one-off payment of £110,000 in addition to his remunera-tion of £672,000. This compared with the 1996 total of £531,000. Stephanie Monk, human resources director, Graham Parrott, commercial director, and Henry Staunton, finance director, received a total of £126,167 for the change to their service contracts.

Greenbury suggests notice periods of 12 months or less. Granada's annual report argues that in the media and service industries longer service contracts have enabled the company "to attract and retain executives of the highest quality". Granada also said the payments were not unique.

Barnes & Noble switch fuels talk of Waterstone's bid

Bookstore launch shelved

BARNES & NOBLE, the US book retailer, has cancelled plans for a UK roll-out of American-style browse-andreturn book stores, igniting renewed speculation that it could buy Waterstone's bookstore chain (Oliver August writes from New York).

WH Smith, which owns Waterstone's, was recently said to have been negotiating with EML the music group. over the proposed spin-off of the chain, which has 10 per cent of the UK book market. New York-based

Barnes & Noble, which calls itself "the world's largest bookstore", has recalled its "beach-head team" from Britain. The 15-strong team had been scouring the UK for store sites and was supposed to lead an assault on British high streets in the spring. One rumoured explanation for the withdrawal is that the team had experienced difficulties

finding sufficiently large store sites on UK high streets. Barnes & Noble's superstores have won a huge following with their liberal

browsing policy. Customers are invited to spend hours reading books and magazines in the in-house caleteria. The management is unusually lenient with customers who buy and return books - even after reading them from cover-to-

The UK withdrawal is also said to have been influenced by the growing importance of Internet book sales. Barnes & Noble offers more than one million titles online and has a substantial UK Internet cus-

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